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A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to the Second day of *November* next: We, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to *Saturday* the Thirtieth day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this Fourteenth day of *September*, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the Forty-second Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to *Saturday* the Thirtieth day of *November* instant: We, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare, that the said Parliament be further prorogued to *Thursday* the Fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and We do hereby further, with the Advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said *Thursday* the Fifth day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important Affairs; And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly, at *Westminster*, on the said *Thursday* the Fifth day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this Twenty-seventh day of *November*, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the Forty-second year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

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Session 1878—1879.

Thursday, 5th December, 1878.

PRAYERS at a quarter before Two of the clock.

Message to attend the Lords Commissioners.

A MESSAGE was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Acccordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And, having returned;

Writs issued in the Recess.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock; and acquainted the House, That, in pursuance of the directions of the Acts passed in the 24th year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, c. 26, and in the 21st and 22nd years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, c. 110, and in the 26th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, c. 20, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,

For the City of *Truro*, in the room of Sir *Frederick Martin Williams*, Baronet, deceased; and,

For the Borough of *Peterborough*, in the room of *George Hammond Whalley*, Esquire, deceased.

Clare Writ.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That he had received from one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State Letters relating to the Address ordered to be presented to Her Majesty upon the 8th day of August last, with reference to the Election for the County of *Clare*:—And the same were read, as follow:—

Sir, *Downing Street*, 2nd December 1878.

C. O. No. 95, 13th Aug. '78.

I have the honour to transmit to you a Copy of a Despatch in which, in compliance with the Address of the House of Commons, dated the 8th of August last, I requested the Governor of *Victoria* to communicate to Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee on *Clare* County Writ.

I also inclose a Copy of the Reply which I have received from the Governor, accompanied by an acknowledgment from Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* of the receipt by him of a Copy of the Report of the Select Committee. No. 191, 8th Oct. '78. Inc., in Original.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

M. E. Hicks Beach.

The Right Honourable The Speaker,
House of Commons.

Sir *M. Hicks Beach* to Governor Sir *G. F. Bowen*.

Victoria, No. 95.

Sir, *Downing Street*, 13th August 1878.

I have the honour to transmit to you a Copy of the Report from a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire whether Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* has vacated his seat for the County of *Clare* by accepting the office of Attorney General of the Colony of *Victoria*. H. C. 343, 8th Aug. '78.

I also inclose a Copy of an Address agreed to by the House of Commons directing me to communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee to Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*.

I have therefore to request that you will communicate the Documents which I now inclose to Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*, and that you will ask him to furnish an acknowledgment of their receipt for transmission to me.

I have, &c.

(signed) *M. E. Hicks Beach.*

Governor Sir *G. F. Bowen*,
&c. &c. &c.

Governor Sir *G. F. Bowen* to Sir *M. Hicks Beach*.

(Copy.)

Victoria.

No. 191. Government House,

Sir, *Melbourne*, 8th October 1878.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the

the 2nd instant, of your Despatch, No. 95, of the 13th August ultimo, transmitting a Copy of the Report from a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire whether Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* has vacated his seat for the County of *Clare* by accepting the office of Attorney General of the Colony of *Victoria*; also a Copy of an Address agreed to by the House of Commons directing you to communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee to Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*.

2. In pursuance of your instructions I have communicated the above-mentioned documents to Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*, and I now transmit his acknowledgment of their receipt.

I have, &c.
(signed) *G. F. Bowen.*

The Rt. Honble. Sir *M. Hicks Beach*,
&c. &c. &c.

Inclosure in Despatch No. 191 of 1878.——
15040,'78.

Crown Law Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October 1878.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Copy of the Report from a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire whether I have vacated my seat for the County of *Clare* by accepting the office of Attorney General of this Colony. Also a Copy of an Address agreed to by the House of Commons, directing that a Copy of that Report should be communicated to me.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Bryan O'Loghlen.

His Excellency the Governor of *Victoria*,
&c. &c. &c.

Fortifications (Defence Loans, 1867–8.) No. 1.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Account rendered by the War Office of the "Loan for Defences" for the year 1867–68, in respect of the Expenses of Fortifications, &c. under the Act 23 & 24 *Vic.* c. 109, and subsequent Acts, accompanied by detailed Statements, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Fortifications (Defence Loans, 1868–9.) No. 2.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Account rendered by the War Office of the "Loan for Defences" for the year 1868–69, in respect of Expenses of Fortifications, &c. under the Act 23 & 24 *Vic.* c. 109, and subsequent Acts, accompanied by detailed Statements, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Fortifications (Defence Loans, 1869–70.) No. 3.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Account rendered by the War Office of the "Loan for Defences" for the year 1869–70, in respect of Expenses of Fortifications, &c. under the Act 23 & 24 *Vic.* c. 109, and subsequent Acts, accompanied by detailed Statements, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Maldon Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Maldon*, in the room of *George Montagu Warren Sandford*, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of *Northstead*, in the County of *York*.

Bristol Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Bristol*, in the room of *Kirkman Daniel Hodgson*, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of *Stoke, Desborough*, and *Bonenham*, in the County of *Buckingham*.

Elections.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of *Ireland* as shall for the time being be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any County, City, or Borough of *Great Britain*, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom, for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of *Ireland* at the time elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of *Great Britain*, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of *Ireland*, at such Elections in *Great Britain* respectively, where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

Witnesses.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been tampering with any Witness, in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Metropolitan Police.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the Streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in *Westminster Hall*, or in the passages leading to this House, during the

the sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commisioners aforesaid.

Votes and Proceedings.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Privileges.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

Outlawries Bill.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Clandestine Outlawries was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

North America (Nos. 2 and 4, 1878) (Halifax Fisheries Commission.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Award of the *Halifax* Fisheries Commission.

Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Award of the *Halifax* Fisheries Commission.

North America (No. 3, 1878) (Fortune Bay.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting Occurrences at *Fortune Bay, Newfoundland*, in January 1878.

Central Asia (No. 2, 1878.)

Copy of further Correspondence respecting *Central Asia*.

Egypt (No. 2, 1878) (Finances,)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Finances of *Egypt*.

Borneo (Commercial, No. 27, 1878.)

Copy of Declaration by the Sultan of *Borneo* extending the provisions of Clause VIII. of the Treaty with *Great Britain* of May 27, 1847, to the case of wrecked Vessels belonging to States in amity with *Great Britain*.

Spain (No. 1, 1878) (Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.)

Copy of Treaty between Her Majesty and the King of *Spain* for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals, signed at *London*, June 4, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Monetary Conference (Paris.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to represent Her Majesty's Government at the Monetary Conference held in *Paris* in August 1878.

Post Office.

Copy of Twenty-fourth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office for 1877–78.

Meteorology.

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council to the Royal Society for the period of Ten Months ending 31st March 1878.

Contracts requiring Parliamentary Sanction.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of all Departments authorised to enter into Contracts which are required to be presented to the House of Commons, giving in each case the Name of the Department and the Number of Days after which, if not objected to, the Contracts become binding, stating in each case the Practice as to the reckoning of the Days during which they are required to lie upon the Table.

Estimated Expenditure and Revenue, 1878–9.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Estimate of Expenditure for 1878–9 as fixed by the Appropriation Act compared with the Estimate of Revenue for 1878–9 as stated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.

East India (Claims for Recruits.)

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Copy of the Report of the Committee over which Mr. *Bouverie* presided, and dated the 1st day of June 1875, relating to Claims of War Office against *India*.

East India (Recruits.)

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Copy of the Documents referred to in the Treasury Minute of the 2nd day of July 1878 relating to Claim of the War Office against the *India* Office.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, awarding Special Retired Allowances to—

W. H. Yealland, Established First Class Sawmill Man, *Devonport* Yard, 19th September 1878.
William Henry Moore, Established Shipwright, *Devonport* Yard, 26th September 1878.
C. Cotton, Established Second Class Hammerman, *Portsmouth* Yard, 28th September 1878.
James Palmer, Warder in *Wormwood Scrubbs* Prison, 1st October 1878.
Joseph Morey, Established Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard, 5th October 1878.
Charles Fookes, Established Caulker, *Portsmouth* Yard, 14th October 1878.
Mr. *John Milton*, Accountant General of the War Office, 15th October 1878.
Charles Parker, Established Fourth Class Smith, *Portsmouth* Yard, 29th October 1878.
William Henry Palmer, Established Shipwright, *Devonport* Yard, 1st November 1878.
Thomas John Ryder, Established Shipwright, *Devonport* Yard, 1st November 1878.
G. Blundell, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 1st November 1878.
Henry Judd, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 1st November 1878.
Joseph Wallsworth, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 1st November 1878.

Superannuation Act, 1859.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 23rd November 1878, placing the following Offices under the 4th section of the Superannuation Act, 1859, *viz.*:—

Inspectors under the General Prisons Board in *Ireland*.
Professional Officer and Chief Inspector of the *English* Veterinary Department.

Superannuation Acts, 1859 and 1875.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th October 1878, declaring certain places shall be deemed to be unhealthy for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts, 1859 and 1875.

Exchequer and Audit Department Act, 1866.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th July 1870, directing various Accounts to be examined by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878 (Admiralty.)

Copies of Treasury Warrants, dated 5th October, 30th October, and 18th November 1878, awarding Special Gratuities to—

Certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their Retirement under the Act 41 and 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878 (War Office.)

Copies of Treasury Warrants, dated 2nd October, 30th October, and 18th November 1878, awarding Special Gratuities to—

Certain Clerks in the War Office on their Retirement under the Act 41 and 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Explosions (Carn Brea Mine, Redruth.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Chief Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Dynamite in *Carn Brea* Mine, *Redruth*, on the 27th September 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Afghanistan (No. 1, 1878.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Relations between the *British* Government and that of *Afghanistan* since the Accession of Ameer *Shere Ali* Khan.

Afghanistan (No. 2, 1878.)

Copy of Correspondence on the Relations between the *British* Government and that of *Afghanistan*.

East India (Loans raised in England.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in *England* under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Re-

venues of *India*, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1878, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year; the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

East India (Liabilities in England.)

Return of all Stocks, Loans, Debts, and Liabilities in *England* chargeable on the Revenues of *India* at the close of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1878, with Rates and Amount of Interest, showing the Changes which have taken place in the half-year in respect to the Debts incurred and paid off or discharged.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Contagious Diseases Acts (Portsmouth.)

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Copy of a Memorial from and signed by Sixteen Ministers of Religion and Thirty-four others resident in *Portsmouth* and adjacent Parishes subjected to the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866-9, recently addressed to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—The Accounts of the *Mersey* Docks and Harbour Board, for the year ending 1st July 1878.

Mr. Speaker reports Her Majesty's Speech.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal for holding this present Parliament, and that the Lord High Chancellor, being one of the said Commissioners, delivered Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands, and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I regret that I have been obliged to call for your attendance at an unusual and, probably, to most of you, an inconvenient season.

The hostility towards My *Indian* Government manifested by the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, and the manner in which he repulsed my friendly Mission, left Me no alternative but to make a peremptory demand for redress.

This demand having been disregarded, I have directed an Expedition to be sent into his Territory, and I have taken the earliest opportunity of calling you together, and making to you the communication required by Law.

I have directed that Papers on the subject shall be laid before you.

I receive from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly feelings, and I have every reason to believe that the arrangements for the pacification of *Europe*, made by the Treaty of *Berlin*, will be successfully carried into effect.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the ensuing year are in course of preparation, and will in due time be submitted to you.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I propose that after full deliberation upon the matters which have led Me to anticipate your usual time of meeting, and after a suitable recess, you should proceed to the consideration of various measures for the public benefit which will then be laid before you.

I confidently commit to your wisdom the great interests of My Empire, and I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your counsels.

Motion for Address.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to convey the thanks of this House for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for the gracious expression of Her regret that She has found it necessary to call for our attendance at an unusual, and, as Her Majesty is pleased to say, probably at an inconvenient time:

To express our regret that the hostility manifested towards Her Majesty's *Indian* Government by the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, and the manner in which he has repulsed Her Majesty's friendly Mission, has left Her Majesty no alternative but to make a peremptory demand for redress:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that, in consequence of this demand having been disregarded, Her Majesty has directed an Expedition to be sent into his Territory, and has taken the earliest opportunity of calling us together, and making to us the communication required by Law:

To thank Her Majesty for directing that Papers on the subject shall be laid before us:

Humbly to express the gratification with which we learn that Her Majesty receives from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly feelings, and that Her Majesty has every reason to believe that the arrangements for the pacification of *Europe*, made by the Treaty of *Berlin*, will be successfully carried into effect.

To thank Her Majesty for having directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before us in due course:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that, after full deliberation upon the matters which have led Her Majesty to anticipate our usual time of meeting, we shall be prepared, at such date as Her Majesty may determine, to give our careful consideration to such measures for the public benefit as Her Majesty may direct to be submitted to us:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that our best care shall be devoted to the maintenance of the great interests of Her Empire; and that we unite with Her Majesty in praying that the blessing of the Almighty may attend our counsels.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 3, l. 1, by leaving out the words "To express our regret," in order to insert the words "Humbly to thank Her Ma-"jesty for informing us," instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing "us" be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being proposed:—

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 6th December, 1878:

Resolution for Address.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to convey the thanks of this House for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for the gracious expression of Her regret that She has found it necessary to call for our attendance at an unusual, and

and, as Her Majesty is pleased to say, probably at an inconvenient time:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that the hostility manifested towards Her Majesty's *Indian* Government by the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, and the manner in which he has repulsed Her Majesty's friendly Mission, has left Her Majesty no alternative but to make a peremptory demand for redress:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that, in consequence of this demand having been disregarded, Her Majesty has directed an Expedition to be sent into his Territory, and has taken the earliest opportunity of calling us together, and making to us the communication required by Law:

To thank Her Majesty for directing that Papers on the subject shall be laid before us:

Humbly to express the gratification with which we learn that Her Majesty receives from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly feelings, and that Her Majesty has every reason to believe that the arrangements for the pacification of *Europe*, made by the Treaty of *Berlin*, will be successfully carried into effect:

To thank Her Majesty for having directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before us in due course:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that, after full deliberation upon the matters which have led Her Majesty to anticipate our usual time of meeting, we shall be prepared, at such date as Her Majesty may determine, to give our careful consideration to such measures for the public benefit as Her Majesty may direct to be submitted to us:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that our best care shall be devoted to the maintenance of the great interests of Her Empire; and that we unite with Her Majesty in praying that the blessing of the Almighty may attend our counsels.

Committee to draw up Address.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty upon the said Resolution:—And a Committee was appointed of Viscount *Castlereagh*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, Mr. *William Henry Smith*, Viscount *Sandon*, Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. *Edward Stanhope*, Mr. *Bourke*, Sir *William Hart Dyke*, and Mr. *Rowland Winn*, or any Three of them:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Queen's Speech referred.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 6th December, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report.

Thames Traffic.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Preliminary Report of, and Evidence taken by, the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the Navigation of the River *Thames*.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Board of Trade with reference to Applications for Provisional Orders under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870, and the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act Amendment Act 1873, with Copy of a Portion of the Act.

Tramway Provisional Orders.

Copy of Rules made by the Board of Trade with reference to Applications for Provisional Orders under the Tramways Act, 1870, with Copy of a Portion of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Militia (Regimental Strength.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of each Militia Regiment, in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, showing, in columns, its Strength before the Reserves were called out, and its present Number of Men, with Totals:—

	Regiment.	Establishment—Rank and File.	Enrolled in Militia Reserve 1st day of April 1878.	Number of Rank and File remaining, after deducting Militia Reserve.	Wanting to complete Establishmen .
Totals -					

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Improvements (Bedfordbury Scheme.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of permission by the Secretary of State for modification to be made under Section 12 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875 (38 & 39 *Vic.* c. 36), in the *Bedfordbury*, *Saint Martin-in-the-Fields*, and *Strand* District Improvement Scheme, so as to reserve access for Duke of *Bedford* and Messrs. *Goupil* as described, and modification accordingly by the Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 50, 1878) (Mount Rhodope.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Proceedings of the International Commission sent to the *Mount Rhodope* District.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa*. In continuation of [C. 2144] of 1878.

Colonial Timber.

Copy of Digest of Replies to Queries relating to Colonial Timber.

Western Australia.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act to amend the Law relating to Procedure at the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Council [assented to 16 August 1877]. No. XV. *Anno Quadragesimo primo Victoriæ Reginæ*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Patents for Inventions.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Three Rules, dated the 30th November 1878, by the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions under the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Address Reported.

Viscount *Castlereagh* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty; That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great*

Great Britain and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to convey to Your Majesty our thanks for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has commanded to be made to both Houses of Parliament.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for the gracious expression of Your regret that Your Majesty has found it necessary to call for our attendance at an unusual, and, as Your Majesty is pleased to say, probably at an inconvenient time.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that the hostility manifested towards Your Majesty's *Indian* Government by the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, and the manner in which he has repulsed Your Majesty's friendly Mission, has left Your Majesty no alternative but to make a peremptory demand for redress.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that, in consequence of this demand having been disregarded, Your Majesty has directed an Expedition to be sent into his Territory, and has taken the earliest opportunity of calling us together, and making to us the communication required by Law.

We thank Your Majesty for directing that Papers on the subject shall be laid before us.

We humbly express the gratification with which we learn that Your Majesty receives from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly feelings, and that Your Majesty has every reason to believe that the arrangements for the pacification of *Europe*, made by the Treaty of *Berlin*, will be successfully carried into effect.

We thank Your Majesty for having directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before us in due course.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that, after full deliberation upon the matters which have led Your Majesty to anticipate our usual time of meeting, we shall be prepared, at such date as Your Majesty may determine, to give our careful consideration to such measures for the public benefit as Your Majesty may direct to be submitted to us.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that our best care shall be devoted to the maintenance of the great interests of Your Empire; and that we unite with Your Majesty in praying that the blessing of the Almighty may attend our counsels.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Address be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Property of Married Women in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *Anderson*, Sir *Robert Anstruther*, Mr. *Orr Ewing*, Mr. *M'Laren*, and Dr. *Lyon Playfair* do prepare, and bring it in.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Medical Act, 1858:" And that Dr. *Lush*, Sir *Trevor Lawrence*, and Sir *Joseph M'Kenna* do prepare, and bring it in.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Landlord's Right of Hypothec for Rent of Land in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *Vans Agnew*, Mr. *Baillie Hamilton*, Sir *George Douglas*, and Colonel *Alexander* do prepare, and bring it in.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal "The Convention (*Ireland*) Act": And that Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *P. J. Smyth*, and Mr. *Downing* do prepare, and bring it in.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Enrolment of Volunteer Corps in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *O'Clery*, Major *Nolan*, Lord *Francis Conyngham*, and Major *O'Beirne* do prepare, and bring it in.

Permissive Prohibitory Liquor.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of enabling Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*, Sir *Thomas Bazley*, Mr. *Richard*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Dalway*, Mr. *Downing*, and Mr. *Charles Lewis* do prepare, and bring it in.

Elective County Boards (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish Elective County Boards in *Ireland*: And that Major *Nolan*, Mr. *O'Clery*, Mr. *Fay*, and Mr. *O'Sullivan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Waste Lands Reclamation (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Reclamation of Waste Lands in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Collins*, Mr. *MacCarthy*, Mr. *Downing*, and Major *Nolan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Municipal Corporations (Property Qualification Abolition.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Property Qualification for Members of Municipal Corporations and Local Governing Bodies: And that Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Burt*, and Mr. *Sullivan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Burial Law Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Burial Laws:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Burial Laws.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Burial Laws:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Balfour*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Wait*, and Mr. *Cowper-Temple* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,

Hours of Polling (Boroughs.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Hours of Polling at Elections in Boroughs other than Metropolitan: And that Mr. *Chamberlain*, Sir *Charles Dilke*, Dr. *Cameron*, Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Rathbone*, and Mr. *Henry Samuelson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Money Laws (Ireland.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Money Laws of *Ireland*:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Money Laws of *Ireland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Money Laws of *Ireland*:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Delahunty* and Mr. *Richard Power* do prepare, and bring it in.

Consecration of Churchyards Act (1867) Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the "Consecration of Churchyards Act, 1867":—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Consecration of Churchyards Act, 1867."

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Consecration of Churchyards Act, 1867":—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Grantham*, and Mr. *Forsyth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Rating of Towns (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Law with regard to the Rating of Towns in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*, Mr. *Butt*, and Sir *Joseph M'Kenna* do prepare, and bring it in.

Licensing Boards (Scotland.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of enabling Ratepayers in *Scotland* to elect Licensing Boards:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Ratepayers in *Scotland* to elect Licensing Boards.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution;

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Ratepayers in *Scotland* to elect Licensing Boards:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Fortescue Harrison*, Sir *George Balfour*, and Dr. *Cameron* do prepare, and bring it in.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in *Scotland*: And that Sir *Windham Anstruther*, Mr. *Campbell-Bannerman*, and Sir *Graham Montgomery* do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonial Marriages.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to certain Colonial Marriages: And that Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen* and Sir *Thomas Chambers* do prepare, and bring it in.

Clerical Disabilities.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of extending the provisions of "The Clerical Disabilities Removal Act, 1870":—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of "The Clerical Disabilities Removal Act, 1870."

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of "The Clerical Disabilities Removal Act, 1870":—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Goldney*, Mr. *Hibbert*, and Sir *Windham Anstruther* do prepare, and bring it in.

Spirits in Bond.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Law relating to Spirits in Bond:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the improvement of the Quality of Spirits in Bond.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution;

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the improvement of the Quality of Spirits in Bond:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *O'Sullivan*, Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Blennerhassett*,

Blennerhassett, Captain *Pim*, and Mr. *Stacpoole* do prepare, and bring it in.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And that Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Charles Wilson*, Mr. *Birley*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*, Mr. *William M'Arthur*, and Mr. *James* do prepare, and bring it in.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of "The Employers and Workmen Act, 1875," to Seamen whilst they are in *British* Waters: And that Mr. *Burt*, Mr. *Joseph Cowen*, Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Gourley*, and Mr. *Gorst* do prepare, and bring it in.

Disqualification by Medical Relief.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Disqualification by Medical Relief for Infectious or Contagious Disease: And that Mr. *Rathbone*, Sir *John Kennaway*, Sir *Charles Dilke*, and Mr. *Ritchie* do prepare, and bring it in.

Joint Stock Banks (Accounts.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Law relating to the compulsory audit of the Accounts of Joint Stock Banks:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the compulsory Audit of the Accounts of Joint Stock Banks, and for the annual publication by them of Statements of Accounts according to a prescribed Form.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the compulsory Audit of the Accounts of Joint Stock Banks, and for the annual publication by them of Statements of Accounts according to a prescribed Form:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Benjamin Whitworth*, Mr. *Pennington*, and Mr. *James Stewart* do prepare, and bring it in.

Interments in Churchyards.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of permitting Interments in Churchyards with a Religious Service other than that of the Church of *England*, or without any Religious Service:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Incumbents of Parishes or Ecclesiastical Districts, or Ministers in charge of the same, to permit Interments in Churchyards with a Religious Service other than that of the Church of *England*, or without any Religious Service.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Incumbents of Parishes or Ecclesiastical Districts, or Ministers in charge of the same, to permit Interments in Churchyards with a Religious Service other than that of the Church of *England*, or without any Religious Service:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Ritchie*, Mr. *Gorst*, Mr. *Woodd*, and Mr. *Sampson Lloyd* do prepare, and bring it in.

Licensing Laws Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Licensing Laws:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Laws.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Laws:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Staveley Hill*, Mr. *Mundella*, and Mr. *Rodwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the equitable Settlement of Rent in certain cases of Difference between Landlords and Tenants in *Ireland*; and to make better Provision as to Notices to Quit, and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Mr. *Herbert*, Mr. *King-Harman*, and Mr. *Dease* do prepare, and bring it in.

Relief of Insane Poor.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Maintenance, Reception, and Relief of the Insane, Imbecile, or Infirm Poor chargeable in Unions and Parishes in *England* other than in the Metropolis: And that Mr. *Rodwell*, Sir *Baldwin Leighton*, and Mr. *Bristowe* do prepare, and bring it in.

Cruelty to Animals.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Cruelty to Animals: And that Mr. *Holt*, Mr. *Ashley*, Mr. *Hardcastle*, Sir *Charles Legard*, and Mr. *Charles Wilson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Voters Registration (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Law relating to the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in *England* and in *Ireland*, and to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Voters in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Meldon*, Mr. *Butt*, and Mr. *Mitchell Henry* do prepare, and bring it in.

Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render lawful Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister: And that Sir *Thomas Chambers*, Mr. *Morley*, and Dr. *Cameron* do prepare, and bring it in.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the Artizans Dwellings Act of 1868 by Provisions for Compensation and Rebuilding: And that Mr. *Torrens*, Sir *Thomas Chambers*, and Mr. *Goldney* do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved,

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in *Ireland*:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave given to bring in a Bill to provide for the earlier closing on Saturday Evenings of Public-houses in *Ireland*; and for other Amendments of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in that Country.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the earlier closing on Saturday Evenings of Public-houses in *Ireland*; and for other Amendments of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in that Country:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Dease*, Mr. *Meldon*, and Mr. *Whitworth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Public Health Act, 1875": And that Mr. *Alexander Brown*, Mr. *Whitwell*, and Mr. *Ryder* do prepare, and bring it in.

Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Contagious Diseases Acts: And that Sir *Harcourt Johnstone*, Mr. *Stansfeld*, Mr. *Whitbread*, and Mr. *Mundella* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Election of Poor Law Guardians in *Ireland* by Ballot: And that Mr. *Errington*, Mr. *Blennerhassett*, and Mr. *O'Reilly* do prepare, and bring it in.

Duration of Parliament.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to shorten the Duration of Parliaments: And that Mr. *John Holms*, Mr. *Joseph Cowen*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Collins*, and Mr. *Henry Samuelson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ulster Tenant Right.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure more effectually the Tenant Right Custom in the Province of *Ulster*: And that Mr. *Macartney*, Mr. *Charles Lewis*, and Mr. *William Wilson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Administration of the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax: And that Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Sampson Lloyd* do prepare, and bring it in.

Church of Scotland.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further Provision in regard to the Church of *Scotland*:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provisions in regard to the Church of *Scotland*; to facilitate the re-union therewith of other Presbyterian Churches in *Scotland*, and for other purposes relating thereto.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provisions in regard to the Church of *Scotland*; to facilitate the re-union therewith of other Presbyterian Churches in *Scotland*, and for other purposes relating thereto:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir *Alexander Gordon* and Mr. *Mackintosh* do prepare, and bring it in.

County Courts.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts: And that Mr. *Norwood*, Sir *J. Eardley Wilmot*, and Mr. *Rowley Hill* do prepare, and bring it in.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act (1870) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Landlord and Tenant (*Ireland*) Act, 1870": And that Mr. *Daniel Taylor*, Mr. *Thomas Dickson*, and Mr. *Benjamin Whitworth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Burials.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Burial Laws:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bi l to amend the Burial Laws.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Burial Laws:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Osborne Morgan*, Mr. *Lefevre*, Mr. *William M'Arthur*, and Mr. *Richard* do prepare, and bring it in.

Libel Law Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel: And that Mr. *Hutchinson*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Joseph Cowen*, Mr. *Puleston*, Mr. *Morley*, Mr. *Waddy*, Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *Gourley*, and Mr. *Sullivan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876": And that Mr. *Mellor*, Mr. *Merewether*, Sir *Charles Forster*, Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. Serjeant *Simon*, Mr. *Hibbert*, and Mr. *Torrens* do prepare, and bring it in.

Bills of Sale (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Meldon* and Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* do prepare, and bring it in.

County Infirmaries (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Management of County Infirmaries in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Meldon*,

Meldon, Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Errington*, and Mr. *Arthur Moore* do prepare, and bring it in.

Habitual Drunkards.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Control and Cure of Habitual Drunkards: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Clare Read*, Mr. *Ashley*, Sir *Henry Jackson*, Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *William Holms*, and Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* do prepare, and bring it in.

Racecourses (Metropolis.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Licensing of Metropolitan Suburban Racecourses: And that Mr. *Anderson*, Sir *Thomas Chambers*, and Sir *James Lawrence* do prepare, and bring it in.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill. Bill 1.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Property of Married Women in *Scotland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill. Bill 2.

Dr. *Lush* presented a Bill to amend "The Medical Act, 1858": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill. Bill 3.

Mr. *Vans Agnew* presented a Bill to abolish the Landlord's Right of Hypothec for Rent of Land in *Scotland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of March next; and to be printed.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal Bill. Bill 4.

Sir *Joseph M'Kenna* presented a Bill to repeal "The Convention (*Ireland*) Act": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill. Bill 5.

Mr. *O'Clery* presented a Bill to authorise the Enrolment of Volunteer Corps in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next; and to be printed.

Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Bill. Bill 6.

Sir *Wilfrid Lawson* presented a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the Common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next; and to be printed.

Elective County Boards (Ireland) Bill. Bill 7.

Major *Nolan* presented a Bill to establish Elective County Boards in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next; and to be printed.

Waste Lands Reclamation (Ireland) Bill. Bill 8.

Mr. *Collins* presented a Bill for the Reclamation of Waste Lands in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next; and to be printed.

Municipal Corporations (Property Qualification Abolition) Bill. Bill 9.

Mr. *Mundella* presented a Bill to abolish the Property Qualifications for Members of Municipal Corporations and Local Governing Bodies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Burial Law Amendment Bill. Bill 10.

Mr. *Balfour* presented a Bill to amend the Burial Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of February next; and to be printed.

Hours of Polling (Boroughs) Bill. Bill 11.

Mr. *Chamberlain* presented a Bill to extend the Hours of Polling at Elections in Boroughs other than Metropolitan: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Money Laws (Ireland) Bill. Bill 12.

Mr. *Delahunty* presented a Bill to amend the Money Laws of *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

Consecration of Churchyards Act (1867) Amendment Bill. Bill 13.

Mr. *Monk* presented a Bill to amend "The Consecration of Churchyards Act, 1867": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of February next; and to be printed.

Rating of Towns (Ireland) Bill. Bill 14.

Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* presented a Bill to alter the Law with regard to the Rating of Towns in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of June next; and to be printed.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) Bill. Bill 15.

Mr. *Fortescue Harrison* presented a Bill to enable Ratepayers in *Scotland* to elect Licensing Boards: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of February next; and to be printed.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill. Bill 16.

Sir *Windham Anstruther* presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in *Scotland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Colonial Marriages Bill. Bill 17.

Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen* presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to certain Colonial Marriages: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Clerical Disabilities Bill. Bill 18.

Mr. *Goldney* presented a Bill to extend the Provisions of "The Clerical Disabilities Removal Act, 1870": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Spirits in Bond Bill. Bill 19.

Mr. *O'Sullivan* presented a Bill for the Improvement of the Quality of Spirits in Bond: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill. Bill 20.

Mr. *Stevenson* presented a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next; and to be printed.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill. Bill 21.

Mr. *Burt* presented a Bill to extend the Provisions of "The Employers and Workmen Act, 1875," to Seamen whilst they are in *British* Waters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill. Bill 22.

Mr. *Rathbone* presented a Bill to remove Disqualification by Medical Relief for Infectious or Contagious Disease: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Dr.

Joint Stock Banks (Accounts) Bill. Bill 23.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to provide for the compulsory Audit of the Accounts of Joint Stock Banks, and for the annual Publication by them of Statements of Accounts according to a prescribed Form: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of July next; and to be printed.

Interments in Churchyards Bill. Bill 24.

Mr. *Ritchie* presented a Bill to enable Incumbents of Parishes or Ecclesiastical Districts, or Ministers in charge of the same, to permit Interments in Churchyards with a Religious Service other than that of the Church of *England*, or without any Religious Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill. Bill 25.

Mr. *Staveley Hill* presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Bill. Bill 26.

Mr. *Herbert* presented a Bill to provide for the Equitable Settlement of Rent in certain cases of Difference between Landlords and Tenants in *Ireland*; and to make better provision as to Notices to Quit, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill. Bill 27.

Mr. *Rodwell* presented a Bill to make better provision for the Maintenance, Reception, and Relief of the Insane, Imbecile, or Infirm Poor chargeable in Unions and Parishes in *England* other than in the Metropolis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Cruelty to Animals Bill. Bill 28.

Mr. *Holt* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Cruelty to Animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of July next; and to be printed.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill. Bill 29.

Mr. *Meldon* presented a Bill to assimilate the Law relating to the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in *England* and in *Ireland*, and to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Voters in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill. Bill 30.

Sir *Thomas Chambers* presented a Bill to render lawful Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill. Bill 31.

Mr. *Torrens* presented a Bill to extend the powers of the Artizans' Dwellings Act of 1868, by provisions for Compensation and Rebuilding: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next; and to be printed.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill. Bill 32.

Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Bill to provide for the earlier closing on Saturday Evenings of Public Houses in *Ireland*; and for other Amendments of the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in that Country: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill. Bill 33.

Mr. *Alexander Brown* presented a Bill to amend "The Public Health Act, 1875": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal Bill. Bill

Sir *Harcourt Johnstone* presented a Bill to repeal the Contagious Diseases Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of July next; and to be printed.

Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (Ireland) Bill. Bill 35.

Mr. *Errington* presented a Bill to provide for the Election of Poor Law Guardians in *Ireland* by Ballot: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of February next; and to be printed.

Duration of Parliament Bill. Bill 36.

Mr. *John Holms* presented a Bill to shorten the Duration of Parliaments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next; and to be printed.

Ulster Tenant Right Bill. Bill 37.

Mr. *Macartney* presented a Bill to secure more effectually the Tenant Right Custom in the Province of *Ulster*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill. Bill 38.

Mr. *Hubbard* presented a Bill to amend the administration of the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of March next; and to be printed.

Church of Scotland Bill. Bill 39.

Sir *Alexander Gordon* presented a Bill to make further provisions in regard to the Church of *Scotland*; to facilitate the Re-union therewith of other Presbyterian Churches in *Scotland*, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

County Courts Bill. Bill 40.

Mr. *Norwood* presented a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of County Courts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of February next; and to be printed.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act (1870) Amendment Bill. Bill 41.

Mr. *Daniel Taylor* presented a Bill to amend "The Landlord and Tenant (*Ireland*) Act, 1870": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

Burials Bill. Bill 42.

Mr. *Osborne Morgan* presented a Bill to amend the Burial Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of February next; and to be printed.

Libel Law Amendment Bill. Bill 43.

Mr. *Hutchinson* presented a Bill to amend the Law of Libel: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of February next; and to be printed.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill. Bill 44.

Mr. *Mellor* presented a Bill to amend "The Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of February next; and to be printed.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill. Bill 45.

Mr. *Meldon* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second

second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next; and to be printed.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill. Bill 46.

Mr. *Meldon* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Management of County Infirmaries in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next; and to be printed.

Habitual Drunkards Bill. Bill 47.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to facilitate the Control and Cure of Habitual Drunkards: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill. Bill 48.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Bill for the Licensing of Metropolitan Suburban Racecourses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant December; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 9th December, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report.

Army (English, Scotch, and Irish Officers and Soldiers.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of *English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Non-commissioned Officers, Corporals, and Privates in each Regiment of Foot Guards, Household Cavalry, Royal Engineers, and Artillery; also of the Cavalry of the Line, and of the Infantry of the Line and Rifle Brigade:——And, similar Return of the Number of *English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Commissioned Officers (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, Nos. 315 and 171, of Session 1872).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Extradition of Fugitive Criminals (Spain.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th November 1878, for carrying into effect a Treaty concluded between Her Majesty and the King of *Spain* for the mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.

Extradition Act, 1870 (Barbados and Sierra Leone.)

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 27th November 1878, declaring that the following Act and Ordinance shall have effect in the respective Colonies as if they formed part of the "Extradition Act, 1870," *viz.*:

1. The Extradition Act of *Barbados*, 1878; and,
2. The Extradition Ordinance, *Sierra Leone*, 1878.

Greenwich Hospital School.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th November 1878, sanctioning certain New Regulations for the Admission of Boys into *Greenwich* Hospital School in lieu of the Regulations approved by Orders in Council of 9th April 1870 and 4th February 1875.

Oxford University.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of *Corpus Christi* College, *Oxford*, on the 4th May 1878, concerning the Professorship of the Latin Language and Literature in that University, and approved by the University of *Oxford* Commissioners in accordance with the 11th Clause of the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* Act, 1877.

Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877.

Copies of Eighteen Orders in Council, under the Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877.

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

Copy of Order of the Lords of the Council, dated 6th December 1878, under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, entitled the Foreign Animals Order.

Pilotage.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th November 1878, confirming Bye-laws and Regulations made by the Pilotage Authority of *Porth Cawl*.

Naval Savings Bank Act.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 14th August 1878, under the Naval Savings Bank Act, cancelling certain Clauses of the Order in Council of the 10th November 1866, and substituting other Clauses in lieu thereof.

Trade Marks Registration Extension Act, 1877.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Trade Marks Registration Extension Act, 1877, dated 27th November 1878, prolonging, till the 31st May 1879, the time for the Registration of Trade Marks applied to Cotton Piece Goods.

Standard of Weights, Measures, and Coinage, 1866.

Copy of Order in Council under the Standard of Weights, Measures, and Coinage, 1866, dated 14th August 1878, declaring certain Apothecaries Measures of capacity to be legal secondary Standards of capacity.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Crown Office Act, 1877.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Committee of Council, dated 16th August 1878, under the Fifth Section of the Crown Office Act, 1877, in addition to the Rule made under the provisions of the same Act on the 22nd February and 8th August 1878.

Cattle Disease (Ireland) Acts.

Copy of an Order in Council by the Lords Justices and Privy Council of *Ireland*, under the Cattle Disease (*Ireland*) Acts, dated 9th September 1878, putting into force the Pleuro-pneumonia (*Ireland*) Order, 1876, in a certain Union.

Marriages (Scotland.)

Copy of Rules framed by the Registrar General and approved by the Secretary of State for the Guidance of Registrars under the Marriage Notice (*Scotland*) Act, 1878.

Winter Assizes (Ireland.)

Copy of Five Orders in Council by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of *Ireland*, under the Winter Assizes Act, 1876, and Supreme Court of Judicature (*Ireland*) Act, 1877, dated 15th November 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Rule under the Bankruptcy Act, 1869, directing Deposits to be paid into the Bank of *England*, and Attaching Arrangements Office to the Senior Registrar's Department.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Habitual Drunkards Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of February next.

East India (Afghan Papers.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Telegram from Viceroy to Secretary of State of the 18th day of February 1875:——Of Reply of Secretary of State of the 23rd day of February:——And, of Telegram from Viceroy to Secretary of State of the 24th day of March.

Londonderry County Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Londonderry*, in the room of *Richard Smyth*, Esquire, deceased.

New Ross Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in

in this present Parliament for the Borough of *New Ross*, in the room of *John Dunbar*, Esquire, deceased.

Queen's Speech (Report of Address.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant December, That the said Address be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Afghan War.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House disapproves the conduct of Her "Majesty's Government which has resulted in "the War with *Afghanistan*," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 10*th December*, 1878:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Borough Franchise (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Borough Franchise of *Ireland* to that of *England*: And that Mr. *Blennerhassett*, Major *O'Gorman*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, and Mr. *Richard Power* do prepare, and bring it in.

Tenants' Improvements in Towns (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Security of Tenants' Improvements in Towns in *Ireland*: And that Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Patrick Martin*, and Mr. *O'Sullivan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Downing*, Mr. *Butt*, and Mr. *Shaw* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ancient Monuments.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better Protection of Ancient Monuments: And that Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Beresford Hope*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*, and Sir *Richard Wallace* do prepare, and bring it in.

Copyright.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of codifying and amending the Law of Copyright:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to codify and amend the Law of Copyright.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to codify and amend the Law of Copyright:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *Herschell*, Mr. *Dillwyn*, and Mr. *Forsyth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Printing.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the Printing executed by Order of this House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for Printing, Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Spencer Walpole*, The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Stansfeld*, Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Mr. *Dodson*, Mr. *Massey*, Mr. *Whitbread*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *M'Laren*, Mr. *William Henry Smith*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Borough Franchise (Ireland) Bill. Bill 49.

Mr. *Blennerhassett* presented, a Bill to assimilate the Borough Franchise of *Ireland* to that of *England*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Tenants' Improvements in Towns (Ireland) Bill. Bill 50.

Major *Nolan* presented a Bill for the Security of Tenants' Improvements in Towns in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of February next; and to be printed.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill. Bill 51.

Mr. *Downing* presented a Bill to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next; and to be printed.

Ancient Monuments Bill. Bill 52.

Sir *John Lubbock* presented a Bill to provide for the better Protection of Ancient Monuments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Copyright Bill. Bill 53.

Mr. *Edward Jenkins* presented a Bill to codify and amend the Law of Copyright: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next, the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next.

Tanna (Execution of a Native.) No. 4.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Tanna* (Execution of a Native), which was presented upon the 13th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

East India (Loans raised in England.) No. 5.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Loans raised in *England*), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant December, be printed.

East India (Liabilities in England.) No. 6.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Liabilities in *England*), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant December, be printed.

Western Australia. No. 7.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Western *Australia*, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant December, be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 10*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions. Vide First Report.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Cattle, &c. (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for Tables showing the Number

Number of Cattle, Sheep, and Swine in *Ireland*; also the Number of Cattle, Sheep, and Swine exported from *Ireland* during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877:——Showing the Number and Description of Animals Seized or Detained on account of being affected with Contagious or Infectious Disease, on being presented for Shipment, by the Veterinary Inspectors at the several Animal exporting Ports in *Ireland* during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877; also setting forth the Disease with which such Animals were affected at the time of their Seizure or Detention:——And, showing the Number of Outbreaks of Cattle Plague, Pleuro-Pneumonia, Foot and Mouth Disease, Sheep Scab, and Sheep Pox, reported to have occurred in *Ireland* during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877, and other Particulars.

Magistrates, Retired (Ireland.)

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Names of the Resident Magistrates in *Ireland* who have retired during the last Fifteen Years:—

The Dates of their Retirement;
Their Ages at Retirement;
The Periods during which they have served as Resident Magistrates;
The Amount of Pension allowed them;
The Dates of the Decease of such of them as have died since Retirement (in the following Form):—

Name.	Date of Retirement.	Age at Retirement.	Period of Service as Resident Magistrate.	Amount of Pension on Retirement.	Date of Death.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

East India (Afghan Papers.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant December, for Returns relative to *East India* (*Afghan* Papers).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Brewers, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Number of Persons in each of the several Collections of the United Kingdom licensed as Brewers, Victuallers, to sell Beer to be drunk on the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drunk on the Premises; stating the Number of each Class who brew their own Beer, and the Quantity of Malt consumed by them, particularising each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1877 to the 30th day of September 1878:——Of the Number of Barrels of Beer exported from the United Kingdom, and the declared Value thereof, and where exported to, from the 1st day of October 1877 to the 1st day of October 1878, each year separately; distinguishing *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*:——And, of the Number of Common Brewers paying for Licences, from the 1st day of October 1877 to the 30th day of September 1878, under 1,000 Barrels; over 1,000 and under 10,000; over 10,000 and under 20,000; over 20,000 and under 30,000; over 30,000 and under 50,000; over 50,000 and under 100,000; over 100,000 and under 150,000; over 150,000 and under 200,000; over 200,000 and under 250,000; over 250,000 and under 300,000; over 300,000 and under 350,000; over 350,000 and under 400,000; over 400,000 and under 450,000; over 450,000 and under 500,000; over 500,000 and under 550,000; over 550,000 and under 600,000; over 600,000 and under 650,000; over 650,000 and under 700,000; over 700,000 and under 750,000; over 750,000 and under 800,000; over 800,000 and under 850,000; over 850,000 and under 900,000; over 900,000 and under 950,000; over 950,000 and under 1,000,000; and over 1,000,000, showing in each case the Supplementary Charge or the Supplementary Diminution; stating the Amount paid for Licences for each Class, and the Total Amount paid by all Classes (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 142, of Session 1878).

Select Vestries.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Nomination of Overseers by Select Vestries by Custom or Usage: And that Mr. *James*, Mr. *Herschell*, and Mr. *Joseph Cowen* do prepare, and bring it in.

Patents for Inventions.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Patents for Inventions Laws: And that Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Dalrymple*, and Mr. *Alexander Brown* do prepare, and bring it in.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875": And that Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *P. A. Taylor* and Mr. *Whitwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Gun Licence Act (1870) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Gun Licence Act, 1870": And that Sir *Alexander Gordon*, Mr. *Clare Read*, Mr. *M'Lagan*, and Mr. *Mark Stewart* do prepare, and bring it in.

East India (Afghanistan Expedition.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Opinions recorded since Tuesday last by Members of the Council of the Secretary of State for *India* in reference to the Expenditure for, and other Matters connected with, the Military Expedition against *Afghanistan*.

Queen's Speech (Report of Address.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Address which, upon the 6th day of this instant December, was reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address of Thanks for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech at the opening of the Session, be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House disapproves the "conduct of Her Majesty's Government which "has resulted in the War with *Afghanistan*," instead thereof;

Afghan War.

And the Question being again proposed:—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 11*th December*, 1878:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Select Vestries Bill. Bill 54.

Mr. *James* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Nomination of Overseers by Select Vestries by Custom or Usage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr.

Patents for Inventions Bill. Bill 55.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Bill to amend the Patents for Inventions Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill. Bill 56.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a Bill to amend "The Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Gun Licence Act (1870) Amendment Bill. Bill 57.

Sir *Alexander Gordon* presented a Bill to amend "The Gun Licence Act, 1870": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 11*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions. Vide First Report.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill.

The Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Land Titles and Transfer.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of last Session, to inquire and report whether any and what steps ought to be taken to simplify the Title to Land, and to facilitate the Transfer thereof, and to prevent frauds on purchasers and mortgagees of land, be re-appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Nineteen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney General, Sir *George Bowyer*, The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Gregory*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Sir *Henry Jackson*, Sir *Harcourt Johnstone*, Sir *John Kennaway*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, Mr. *Charles Lewis*, Mr. *Lowe*, Mr. *Alfred Marten*, Mr. *Patrick Martin*, Mr. *Ryder*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Walter*, Sir *Sydney Waterlow*, and Mr. *Osborne Morgan*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Auditing of the Books and Accounts of the Chartered and other Joint Stock Banks in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *M'Laren*, Sir *Alexander Gordon*, Sir *George Balfour*, and Mr. *Whitwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Bankruptcy (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Law as to the Discharge of Bankrupts in *Scotland* to that of *England*: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Baxter*, Mr. *Mackintosh*, Mr. *M'Laren*, and Mr. *Ramsay* do prepare, and bring it in.

Prenuptial Contracts.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Persons about to marry to make valid and binding Agreements with regard to the bringing up of their Children: And that Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*, Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Joseph Cowen* do prepare, and bring it in.

Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (Scotland) Bill. Bill 58.

Mr. *M'Laren* presented a Bill for the better Auditing of the Books and Accounts of the Chartered and other Joint Stock Banks in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill. Bill 59.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to assimilate the Law as to the Discharge of Bankrupts in *Scotland* to that of *England*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill. Bill 60.

Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* presented a Bill to enable Persons about to marry to make valid and binding Agreements with regard to the bringing up of their Children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 12*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions. Vide First Report.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Railway Carriages (Continuous Footboards.) No. 8.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway Carriages (Continuous Footboards), which was presented upon the 13th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

Militia (Regimental Strength.) No. 9.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Militia (Regimental Strength), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant December, be printed.

East India (Afghan Papers.) No. 10.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (*Afghan* Papers), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant December, be printed.

East India (Afghanistan Expedition.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant December, for a Return relative to *East India* (*Afghanistan* Expedition).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Railway Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Railway Commissioners, with Appendices.

Registrars' Fees (Middlesex.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns for each of the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877, of the Fees received by the Registrars of *Middlesex*, the Expenses of the Office, and the Net Amount paid to each of the Three Registrars and to the Queen's Remembrancer:——And, of the Names of the Registrars and Number of Days in which each of them attend at the Registry, &c. (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 224, of Session 1867).

Court of Session (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act of Sederunt regulating the Fees of Agents practising before the Sheriff Courts in *Scotland*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railway Accidents.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom, during the Nine Months ending 30th September 1878, in pursuance of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871, 34 & 35 *Vic.* c. 78; together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade, upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Railways Abandonment.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant of the Board of Trade authorising the

Abandonment of the Railways authorised by "The *Limerick* and *North Kerry* Junction Railway Act, 1865," in pursuance of "The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850," and "Railway Companies Act, 1867," and Report thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Queen's Speech (Report of Address.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Address (which, upon the 6th day of this instant December, was reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address of Thanks for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech at the opening of the Session), be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House disapproves "the conduct of Her Majesty's Government which "has resulted in the War with *Afghanistan*," instead thereof;

Afghan War.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 13*th December*, 1878:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Medical Appointments Qualification.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualifications required for holding certain Medical Appointments: And that Mr. *Errington* and Mr. *Blennerhassett* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Public Health Act, 1875," as to Interments: And that Mr. *Marten*, Mr. *Greene*, and Mr. *Cole* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

Bill 61.

Mr. *Marten* accordingly presented a Bill to amend "The Public Health Act, 1875," as to Interments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of February next; and to be printed.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

Bill 62.

Mr. *Errington* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualifications required for holding certain Medical Appointments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 13*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report.

Friendly Societies Acts.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Friendly Societies Acts, which was presented upon the 20th day of June, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

No. 12.

East India (Afghanistan Expedition.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (*Afghanistan* Expedition), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant December, be printed.

No. 11.

Railways Abandonment.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant December, be printed.

No. 13.

Alkali Acts.

The Order made upon the 15th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, That the Papers relative to the Alkali Acts do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Papers be withdrawn.

Alkali Acts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Annual Reports by the Inspector under the Alkali Acts, 1863 and 1874, of his proceedings during the years 1875 and 1876.

Explosion (Whitehill War Rocket Factory.)

Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the Circumstances attending an Accident by Explosion, which occurred in Mr. *Macdonald*'s War Rocket Factory, at *Whitehill*, near *Gravesend*, on the 13th September 1878, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Morden College.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Schemes or Orders made by the Charity Commissioners for the management of Sir *John Morden*'s Charity, together with a Statement of the Annual Income of the Charity, and with the Names of the present Trustees and the Dates of their Appointments.

Ship "Princess Alice" Inquest.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Proceedings at the Coroner's Inquest on the Loss of the "*Princess Alice*," on the 3rd day of September last, up to and inclusive of the formal finding of the Verdict on the 27th day of November last, together with any Correspondence of or addressed to the Coroner.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Lord *Henry Somerset* have leave of absence for three months, on account of ill health.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Queen's Speech (Report of Address.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Address (which, upon the 6th day of this instant December, was reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address of Thanks for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech at the opening of the Session) be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House disapproves the "conduct of Her Majesty's Government which "has

Afghan War.

"has resulted in the War with *Afghanistan*," instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 14*th December* 1878:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	328.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Adam*, Lord *Kensington*:	227.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Address be now read a second time:—The Address was accordingly read a second time, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to convey to Your Majesty our thanks for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has commanded to be made to both Houses of Parliament.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for the gracious expression of Your regret that Your Majesty has found it necessary to call for our attendance at an unusual, and, as Your Majesty is pleased to say, probably at an inconvenient time.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that the hostility manifested towards Your Majesty's *Indian* Government by the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, and the manner in which he has repulsed Your Majesty's friendly Mission, has left Your Majesty no alternative but to make a peremptory demand for redress.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that, in consequence of this demand having been disregarded, Your Majesty has directed an Expedition to be sent into his Territory, and has taken the earliest opportunity of calling us together, and making to us the communication required by Law.

We thank Your Majesty for directing that Papers on the subject shall be laid before us.

We humbly express the gratification with which we learn that Your Majesty receives from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly feelings, and that Your Majesty has every reason to believe that the arrangements for the pacification of *Europe*, made by the Treaty of *Berlin*, will be successfully carried into effect.

We thank Your Majesty for having directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before us in due course.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that, after full deliberation upon the matters which have led Your Majesty to anticipate our usual time of meeting, we shall be prepared, at such date as Your Majesty may determine, to give our careful consideration to such measures for the public benefit as Your Majesty may direct to be submitted to us.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that our best care shall be devoted to the maintenance of the great Interests of Your Empire; and that we unite with Your Majesty in praying that the blessing of the Almighty may attend our counsels.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to be presented to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. **Supply.**

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. **Ways and Means.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill; **Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of February next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill; **Prenuptial Contracts Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give additional facilities for the provision of Burial Grounds: And that Mr. *Wilbraham Egerton*, Earl *Percy*, Mr. *Heygate*, and Mr. *Birley* do prepare, and bring it in. **Burial Grounds.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Bankruptcy Act, 1869": And that Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *Norwood*, Mr. *Whitwell*, and Mr. *Ripley* do prepare, and bring it in. **Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment.**

Mr. *Wilbraham Egerton* presented a Bill to give additional facilities for the provision of Burial Grounds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of February next; and to be printed. **Burial Grounds Bill. Bill 63.**

Mr. *Sampson Lloyd* presented a Bill to amend "The Bankruptcy Act, 1869": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed. **Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill. Bill 64.**

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 16*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. **Public Petitions.** Vide First Report.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to *East India* (Claims for Recruits), and *East India* (Recruits), which were presented upon the 5th day of this instant December, be printed. **East India (Claims for Recruits, &c.) No. 14.**

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (*English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Officers and Soldiers), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant December, be printed. **Army (English, Scotch, and Irish Officers and Soldiers.) No. 15.**

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State to inquire into the causes which tend to prevent sufficient eligible Candidates from coming forward for the Army Medical Department. **Army (Medical Department.)**

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending the Destruction by Lightning of a Gunpowder Store at *Victoria* Colliery, *Bruntcliffe*, on the 6th August 1878, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives. **Explosions (Victoria Colliery, Bruntcliffe.)**

Judicial Statistics (Scotland.)

Copy of Tenth Report on the Judicial Statistics of *Scotland*, rendered to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in terms of the Judicial Statistics (*Scotland*) Act, 1869, and of the Instructions of the Secretary of State, being for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Public Works Loans.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Warrants relating to the borrowing of Money for Public Works Loans.

Military Forces Localisation.

Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated October 1st, 1878, creating an Annuity of £. 71,287 on account of the Fund for the Banks of Savings under the Act for defraying the Expenses of building Barracks and otherwise providing for the Localisation of the Military Forces.

Superannuations.

Copies of Treasury Minutes awarding Special Retired Allowances to,—

The Honourable *J. C. W. Vivian*, Permanent Under Secretary of State for War, December 1878.

Charles Gray, Hired Skilled Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard, 10th December 1878.

J. Tolfree, Established Skilled Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard, 11th December 1878.

James Philip Church, Hired Male Attendant on Lunatics, Royal Naval Hospital, *Yarmouth*, 11th December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

County Rates (England.) No. 16.

Mr. *Salt* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract of the County Treasurers' Accounts, year ended Lady Day 1878.

Municipal Borough Rates (England.) No. 17.

Abstract of the Municipal Borough Accounts, year ended Lady Day 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Royal Military Academy (Woolwich, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Candidates who presented themselves at each examination for admission to the Royal Military Academy, *Woolwich*, since the 1st day of January 1869, and the Royal Military College, *Sandhurst*, since the date of the Abolition of Purchase in the Army:——Of the Number of those who passed the Preliminary Examination or qualified in the obligatory subjects:——And, of the Number of those who succeeded in obtaining Admission either immediately after the Examination or subsequently.

Army (Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of General and other Officers of Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers who now hold Military Commands and Appointments on the General Staff of the Army in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, other than Regimental Staff and Personal Staff Posts:——And, similar Return of those who have been employed in Commands and on the General Staff since the abolition of the Board of Ordnance:——The Names of such General and other Officers to be given in both cases, and the Positions they have filled.

Post Office (West Indian Mails.) No. 18.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Notice, dated the 1st day of May 1878, issued by the Postmaster General, calling for Tenders for the Conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between the United Kingdom and the *West Indies*:——Of the Tenders sent in in consequence of such Notice:——And, of the Correspondence with respect thereto.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Post Office (Mail Contract, West Indies.) No. 19.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract, dated the 12th day of August 1878, entered into with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the Conveyance of the Mails to and from the *West Indies*, together with Copy of a Treasury Minute in regard thereto.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cattle Inspectors.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names, Qualifications, or Professions, and Salaries of each constant and each occasional Inspector of Cattle shipped for *Great Britain* appointed by the *Irish* Government Authority at each Port of Embarkation in *Ireland*.

H. R. H. The Grand Duchess of Hesse (Princess Alice.)

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to express the deep concern of this House at the great loss which Her Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of *Hesse*, Princess *Alice* of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, second Daughter of Her Majesty the Queen, and to condole with Her Majesty on this melancholy occasion.

To assure Her Majesty that this House will ever feel the warmest interest in whatever concerns Her Majesty's domestic Relations; and to declare the ardent wishes of this House for the happiness of Her Majesty and of Her Family.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to the Expenses of the Military Operations in *Afghanistan*.

Afghanistan (Expenses of Military Operations.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, Her Majesty having directed a Military Expedition of Her Forces charged upon *Indian* Revenues to be despatched against the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, this House consents that the Revenues of *India* shall be applied to defray the Expenses of the Military Operations which may be carried on beyond the external Frontiers of Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House is of opinion that it would be "unjust that the Revenues of *India* should be "chargeable with the Extraordinary Expenses of "the Military Operations now being carried on "against the Ameer of *Afghanistan*," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 17*th December*, 1878:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 13th day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the

the 13th day of February next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; and a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of February next.

Bankers' Books (Evidence.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to Bankers' Books: And that Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Herschell*, Sir *Charles Mills*, and Mr. *Rodwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Dispensaries (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give facilities for providing Dispensary Houses and Dwelling-houses for Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts in certain parts of *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Bruen*, Mr. *Downing*, Mr. *Mulholland*, and Dr. *Ward* do prepare, and bring it in.

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons.)

Ordered, That a Standing Committee be appointed to control the arrangements of the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms, in the department of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Adam*, Mr. *Dick*, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Edwards*, Mr. *Goldney*, Captain *Hayter*, Lord *Kensington*, Mr. *Muntz*, Mr. *Richard Power*, Mr. *Stacpoole*, Sir *Henry Wolff*, Lord *Henry Thynne*, and Mr. *Monk*.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill. Bill 65.

Sir *John Lubbock* presented a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to Bankers' Books: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of February next; and to be printed.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill. Bill 66.

Mr. *Bruen* presented a Bill to give facilities for providing Dispensary Houses and Dwelling-houses for Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts in certain parts of *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 12th day of February next, the Habitual Drunkards Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of February next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of February next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of February next.

Tenants' Improvements in Towns (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 12th day of February next, the Tenants' Improvements in Towns (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 17*th December*, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report. Contagious Diseases Acts (Portsmouth.) No. 20.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Contagious Diseases Acts (*Portsmouth*), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant December, be printed.

Greenwich Hospital School. No. 21.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to *Greenwich* Hospital School, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant December, be printed.

Cattle, &c. (Ireland.) No. 22.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cattle, &c. (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant December, be printed.

Army (Medical Department.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement by Members of the Board of Examiners of Candidates for the Army Medical Department with reference to the Report of the Committee upon that Department, together with a Rejoinder on the part of the Committee.

Militia (Training Establishment.)

Return showing the Training Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; the Number Present, Absent, and Wanting to Complete for the Training of 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Factory and Workshop Act, 1878.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Nine Orders of the Secretary of State, under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, dated 10th December 1878, granting or extending certain Special Exceptions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army (Staff College.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Officers of Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers who have competed at each Examination for admission to the Staff College, *Sandhurst*, since its formation; the Number on each occasion who would have gained admission but for the Limitation Rules, and their Places on the List; the Number of and Places obtained by those who did gain admission; the Number of and Places obtained at the final Examination by those who passed out; the Number who passed the Final Examination without going through the College; and the Rules as to limitation of Numbers in force at different periods:—And, Numerical and Nominal List of those who passed through the College, or passed the Final Examination, who have been employed on the Staff of the Army, and the Appointments they have held, specifying in the Numerical List the Totals of those who have been employed on the General Staff, and of those who have held Regimental

mental Staff Appointments; Appointments on the Staff in *India* not to be included in this Return.

Egypt (Daira Lands.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, any Papers showing the Agreement between this Country and the Khedive of *Egypt* which enabled the Marquis of *Salisbury*, in his Letter to Lord *Lyons* of 24th October 1878 (Papers, *Egypt*, No. 2, 1878), to state that the person nominated by Her Majesty's Government as one of the Commissioners of the *Daira* Lands shall not be divested of his functions without their previous consent.

Railways (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Railway Companies in *Ireland* which have now or have ever had Guarantees on the County Rates; giving in each Case the Date of the Act authorising the Guarantee; the Date of the opening of the Line; the Amount of authorised Capital; Amount of Guaranteed Capital; Rate of Interest Guaranteed; character of Guaranteed Capital, whether a first charge on the Net Receipts or not; Amount paid out of Rates to the Company on account of the Guarantee; and the Number of Years, if any, in which the Net Receipts from the Line were sufficient to dispense with a call on the Rates:—The Return to be made in a Tabular Form. (For Form, *see* Votes.)

East Indian Army.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing Rank and Names of the *British* Officers serving with each Regiment of Native Cavalry and Infantry employed in or moved for the *Afghan* Campaign of 1878 on the 1st day of September 1878, either in the advanced Columns or in their support, with Names of the Officers subsequently attached to each, and the Casualties amongst them, made up to the 31st day of December 1878:—The Return to be made in a Tabular Form. (For Form, *see* Votes)

East Indian Army (Native Troops.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing Annual Cost of the Pay and Allowances of all Officers in the *East Indian* Army (Native Troops), showing each Presidency separately:—The Return to be made in a Tabular Form. (For Form, *see* Votes.)

John Nolan.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Depositions taken before the Coroner at the Inquest on the Body of *John Nolan*.

Prison Rules.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between Sir *W. H. Wyatt*, or any other of the Magistrates of *Middlesex* and *Westminster*, or of the City of *London*, or of the County of *Surrey*, and the Home Office, relative to the working of the new Prison Rules and the control of the Magistrates.

Church of Scotland.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns with regard to the Established Church of *Scotland*, giving in separate columns the Number of Male and the Number of Female Communicants in each Parish in *Scotland* for the year 1878 included in the Roll prepared by the Kirk Session, in conformity with the Regulations of the General Assembly; and stating the Date of the Minute of the Kirk Session sanctioning the Roll as last purged of persons disqualified by removal or otherwise, and finally adjusted:—Of the Number of Adherents, not being Communicants, and not under 21 years of Age, admitted on application to the Roll of the Congregation, under the General Assembly's Regulations of the 3rd day of June 1878, in those Parishes in which Ministers have been elected and appointed under the provisions of Church Patronage Act of 1874:—And, of the Population of each Parish according to the Census of 1871, and a Summary of the Results (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 239, of Session 1874):—The Returns to be made in a Tabular Form. (For Form, *see* Votes.)

Afghanistan (No. 3.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the relations between the *British* Government and that of *Afghanistan*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 51, 1878) (Reforms in Asiatic Turkey.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting Reforms in *Asiatic Turkey*.

Turkey (No. 52, 1878 (Mount Rhodope.)

Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Proceedings of the International Commission sent to the *Mount Rhodope* District.

Turkey (Nos. 53 and 54, 1878 (Affairs.)

Copies of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *Turkey*.

Commercial (No. 28, 1878) (Italy, Treaty of Commerce, &c.)

Copy of Declaration for prolonging the duration of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Her Majesty and the King of *Italy* of the 6th August 1863, until the 31st December 1879. Signed at *Rome*, December 5th, 1878.

Siam (No. 1, 1878.)

Copy of Commercial Report by Her Majesty's Consul General in *Siam* for the years 1876, 1877.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in *Scotland* fixing the Standards of Education to be required under the 73rd Section of the Education (*Scotland*) Act, 1872, and the 5th Section of the Education (*Scotland*) Act, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Victoria.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the late Differences between the Two Houses of the Legislature of *Victoria* (in continuation of [c. 2144] of August 1878).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, at the rising of the House, this day, adjourn till Thursday the 13th day of February next:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the original Question being put;

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday the 13th day of February next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Ancient Monuments Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 13th day of February next.

The

Afghanistan (Expenses of Military Operations.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant December, was proposed to be made to the Question, That, Her Majesty having directed a Military expedition of Her Forces charged upon *Indian* Revenues to be despatched against the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, this House consents that the Revenues of *India* shall be applied to defray the expenses of the Military operations which may be carried on beyond the external frontiers of Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this "House is of opinion that it would be unjust that "the Revenues of *India* should be chargeable with "the extraordinary expenses of the Military opera-"tions now being carried on against the Ameer of "*Afghanistan*," instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.——

Queen's Speech (Answer to Address.)

The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 13th day of this instant December, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

Your loyal and dutiful Address affords me much satisfaction.

I feel assured that I shall receive your cordial co-operation and support in all Measures which I may deem necessary for upholding the honour of My Crown, and for maintaining the great interests of My Empire.

Afghanistan (Expenses of Military Operations.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 18*th December*, 1878:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	235.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Laing*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*:	125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That Her Majesty, having directed a Military Expedition of Her Forces charged upon *Indian* Revenues to be despatched against the Ameer of *Afghanistan*, this House consents that the Revenues of *India* shall be applied to defray the Expenses of the Military operations which may be carried on beyond the external Frontiers of Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 13th day of February next.

Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 13th day of February next, the Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till Thursday the 13th day of February next.

Thursday, 13*th February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report. Constabulary (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—List of Royal *Irish* Constabulary Pensions.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (1879–80.)

Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments, for the year ending 31st March 1880.

No. 23. Public Funds (Cash Balances.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of Particulars of the Amounts of Cash Balances on the 31st day of March 1860 and the 31st day of March 1878, standing at the Bank of *England* on Accounts directly or indirectly under the control of the Government.

Civil Service Estimates, &c.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of August 1877, for Returns (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 269, of Session 1873) showing in Columns the Sums voted in the Estimates for the Civil Services for the year commencing on the 1st day of April 1877 (including Supplementary Estimates), which were specially applicable to *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively (exclusive of their several Shares of the Imperial Expenditure), under each of the Classes into which the Estimates are divided; and the Total Amounts of the same for *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively:——Of the Sums chargeable on the Consolidated Fund specially applicable to *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, for the Year ending the 31st day of March 1877, and not included in the Annual Estimates; and the Total Amount of both Heads of Expenditure:——And, of the Revenue derived from *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1877, after deducting the Amount of Duty paid on *British* Spirits not consumed within the Country in which the Duty was paid, and giving the Country where the Consumption took place, Credit for the Amount of such Duty.

Post Office Telegraphs.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account showing the Gross Amount received and expended on Account of the Telegraph Service during the Year ended 31st March 1878, and a Statement additional to the above, prepared in pursuance of Section 4 of the Act 39 *Vic.* c. 5.

Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

Annual Statement of Receipts, Payments, Balances and Transactions by the Commissioners of Public Works (*Ireland*), on account of the *Irish* Reproductive Loan Fund, to the 31st December 1878.

Chelsea Hospital.

Account of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, in respect of Army Prize and Legacy Funds, for the year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts.)

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I. to VII.; the Revenue Departments (including the Post Office Packet and Telegraph Services, and the principal of Exchequer Bonds), for the year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Friendly Societies.

Copy of Draft of proposed Treasury Warrant fixing a Scale of Fees for Business transacted in the Registry of Friendly Societies under the Savings Banks Acts.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Copies of Treasury Warrants, dated 17th December 1878, and 24th January 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the War Office on their Retirement under the Act 41 & 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Copies of Treasury Warrants, dated 28th December 1878, and 5th February 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their Retirement under Act 41 & 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Superannuations.

Copies of Treasury Minutes awarding Special Retired Allowances to—

Joseph John Crassweller, alias *Alfred Crassler*, Established Leading Man of Labourers, *Portsmouth* Yard, 13th December 1878.

Thomas Bartlett, Established 2nd Class Smith, *Devonport* Yard, 4th February 1879.

J. E. Cerutty, Established Shipwright, *Devonport* Yard, 4th February 1879.

James Stride, Established 3rd Class Smith, *Pembroke* Yard, 7th January 1879.

Henry Eyles, Hired Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

Thomas Harries, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

Albert Hatchard, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 4th February 1879.

G. G. Martin, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

J. R. T. Pearce, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 4th February 1879.

George Selman, Established Plumber, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

James Thornton, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

Richard Wathen, Hired Skilled Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard, 23rd January 1879.

Robert Wheeler, Established Plumber, *Portsmouth* Yard, 7th January 1879.

Samuel Milner, Established Shipwright, *Sheerness* Yard, 2nd January 1879.

George Lovell, Established Labourer, *Haslar* Hospital, 25th January 1879.

Robert B. Dalton, Principal Warder, *Chatham* Prison, 6th January 1879.

James Brien, Established Out-door Officer of the Customs Department, 1st Class, *Dublin*, 2nd January 1879.

Duchy of Lancaster.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of *Lancaster*, in the year ended 21st December 1878:—Also, a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to same date.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy. No. 24.

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Navy Estimates for the year 1879-80, with Appendix and Index; and also an Account of Old Store Moneys and Extra Receipts in 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Army. No. 25.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services, for 1879-80.

Army (Indian Home Charges.) No. 26.

Estimate of the Sum which will be required to be transferred in aid of Army Votes in the year ending 31st March 1880, to meet the estimated Charge to be incurred in Recruiting and Training Officers and Men, and in defraying the Non-effective Expenditure for the Regular Forces serving in *India*.

Army (Colonies.)

Statements showing the Amounts included in the Army Estimates, 1879-80, for Military purposes in the Colonies, and the probable Repayments by the several Colonies on the same Account.

Army (Yeomanry Inspection.)

Copy of the Yeomanry Cavalry Inspection Return, 1878.

Army (Recruiting.)

Copy of Report to the Adjutant General of Her Majesty's Forces, by the Inspector General of Recruiting, upon Recruiting for the Regular Army, for the year 1878.

Army (Volunteer Corps.)

Abstract of Annual Returns of Volunteer Corps, dated 1st November 1878, in Alphabetical Order of Counties.

Army (Variation of Numbers.)

Statement showing the Variation of the Numbers of Her Majesty's *British* Forces; and Explanations of the Differences between the Amounts proposed in the Army Estimates for Effective Services for 1879-80, and the Amounts voted for Effective Services for 1878-79.

Patriotic Fund.

Copy of Seventeenth Report of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund to Her Majesty the Queen, 1878; being the Tenth Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Supplementary Commission, dated the 26th March 1868.

Army (Commissions.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing the Number of Vacancies in each Branch of the Service in each year since 1870 up to and including the year 1878:——And, showing the Number of Candidates for such Vacancies, and how many were filled by Direct Appointments, and how many by Officers from the Militia.

Royal Military Academy (Woolwich, &c.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of December last, for Returns relative to the Royal Military Academy (*Woolwich*, &c.)

Army (Half-Pay Officers.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return showing the Names of all Half-Pay Officers who are allowed to draw their Half-Pay with Civil Emoluments, so far as is known to the War Department.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table.

Dublin Hospitals.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twentieth Report of the Board of Superintendence of *Dublin* Hospitals; with Appendices.

National Education (Ireland.)

Copy of Appendix to the Forty-fourth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland*, for the year 1877.

Westminster School.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return for each year ending the 31st day of December, since the creation by Cap. 118 of 31 & 32 *Vic.* ("The Public Schools Act, 1868"), of the present Governing Body of *Westminster* School, showing in respect of *Westminster* School:—Annual Receipts from Endowment:——Annual Receipts from School Charges; Entrance Fees being distinguished from Tuition Charges:——Annual Expenditure; the Amount expended under each of the following Heads being shown:—Masters' Stipends, Maintenance of Queen Scholars, Repairs of School Buildings, and Remainder:——Average Number of Boys attending the School in each year, distinguishing Queen Scholars from Town Boys; and, as regards the latter, Boarders from Home Boarders:——The Number and respective Annual Values of Studentships at *Christ Church*, *Oxford*; of Exhibitions at *Trinity* College, *Cambridge*; of *Triplett*, *Busby*, and other Exhibitions, tenable at the Universities, and given annually at the School:——The Number of those who have competed annually for the aforesaid Studentships at *Christ Church*, Exhibitions at *Trinity*, and *Triplett*, *Busby*, and other Exhibitions; the Number of successful Competitors in each such Competition being given:——The Annual Value to each *Westminster* Student of *Christ Church* of the *Carey* Bequest:——The Number of Queen Scholarships tenable in the School, and their aggregate Annual Value:——The Number of Town Boys who have competed in each year for such

such Queen Scholarships, and the Number of successful Competitors:——The Number of Exhibitions, with the Annual Value of each, tenable in the School by Town Boys, and open to general Competition:——The Number of Competitors each year for these School Exhibitions; the Number (1.) Of such Competitors as were Pupils in the School at the time of Competition; and (2.) The Number of such Competitors as were not Pupils in the School at the time of Competition being shown:——The Number of Successful Competitors each year for such School Exhibitions; the Number (1.) Of such Competitors as were Pupils in the School at the time of Competition; and (2.) The Number of such Competitors as were not Pupils in the School at the time of Competition being shown:——The Number of Candidates sent up each year from *Westminster* School to the *Oxford* and *Cambridge* Local Examinations; the Number of those who passed, and the Number of those who failed in such Examinations being given.

John Nolan.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of December last, for a Copy of Depositions taken before the Coroner at the Inquest on the Body of *John Nolan*.

Magistrates (Ireland.)

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Names, Dates of Appointment, and Ages at Time of Appointment of the Resident Magistrates appointed under Statute and now serving in *Ireland*, in the following Form:—

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Age at Time of Appointment.

Limerick Union (Appointment of Medical Officer.)

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Copies of all the Proceedings of the *Limerick* Board of Guardians relative to the Election of Dr. *J. Mechan* to the place of one of the Medical Officers of the *Limerick* Union, and to the refusal of the Local Government Board to sanction the Appointment:——Of all Correspondence on the subject between the Local Government Board and the Board of Guardians:——And, of all Correspondence that had previously taken place between the same parties on the subject of the Temporary Appointment of Dr. *Mechan* to discharge the duties of a Medical Officer.

Police (Counties and Boroughs.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ending 29th September 1878, made to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, under the provisions of the Statute 19 & 20 *Vic.* c. 69.

Prisons (Ireland.)

Copy of Rule made by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, under the Prisons (*Ireland*) Act, 1877, relative to the Quorum of a Visiting Committee.

Convicts' Licence (Ireland.)

Copies of Orders of Licence to Three Convicts, made under the Statutes 16 & 17 *Vic.* c. 99, s. 9, and 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 47.

Polling Districts (Borough of Nottingham.)

Copy of an Order made by the Town Council of the Borough of *Nottingham*, under the Ballot Act, 1872, and the Parliamentary and Municipal Registration Act, 1878, for dividing the Area of the Parliamentary Borough of *Nottingham* into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Accountant for *Scotland* to the *Scotch* Education Department.

Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874.

Lord *George Hamilton* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the following Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874:

For the Management of the Foundations known as *Nowes'* Charity, in the Parish of *Romsey*, in the County of *Southampton*, and elsewhere.

The Free Grammar School of King *Edward* VI., in *Macclesfield*, in the County of *Chester*.

The Endowed School founded by *Margaret Hodgson*, at *Wiggonby*, in the Parish of *Aikton*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railways (Continuous Brakes.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return, in pursuance of the Railway Returns (Continuous Brakes) Act, 1878, by the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the Six months ending the 31st December 1878.

Railway Accidents.

Returns of Accidents and Casualties, as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year 1878, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which have been inquired into.

Railways (Signal Arrangements and Systems of Working.)

Return (in pursuance of "The Railway Regulation Act (Return of Signal Arrangements, Working (1873)") by Railway Companies in the United Kingdom relative to (1) the Interlocking and Concentrating of Signal and Point Levers, &c.; and to (2) the System or Systems upon which the Lines of Railway under their control are worked, on the 31st December 1878.

Railways (Continuous Footboards, &c.)

Copy of a Circular issued by the Board of Trade to the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom with reference to "Continuous Footboards and Height of Platforms at Passenger Stations," and the Correspondence relative thereto.

Navigation and Shipping.

Copy of Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sugar Production, United States (Commercial, No. 1, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Mr. *Drummond*, Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at *Washington*, on Sugar Production in the United States.

Treaties of Commerce, (Great Britain and France) (Commercial, No. 2, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Denunciation of the Treaties of Commerce between *Great Britain* and *France*.

Switzerland (No. 1, 1879) (Prolongation of Extradition Treaty.)

Copy of Convention prolonging the duration of the Extradition Treaty between *Great Britain* and *Switzerland*, of the 31st March 1874, for twelve months from the 22nd December 1878. Signed at *Berne*, 13th December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [c. 2220] of December 1878).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Loans raised in India.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in *India*, chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1878, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding

outstanding at the close of the half-year, stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

East India (Liabilities in India.)

Return of all Stocks, Loans, Debts, and Liabilities in *India* chargeable on the Revenues of *India* at the close of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1878, with Rates and Amount of Interest, showing the Changes which have taken place in the half-year in respect of the Debts incurred and paid off or discharged.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Morden College.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of December last, for a Return relative to *Morden* College.

Settled Estates Act Orders (1878.)

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copies of Orders called the Settled Estates Act Orders (1878), under the Settled Estates Act, 1877.

Augmentation of Benefices.

Return of Proceedings under the Lord Chancellor's Augmentation of Benefices Act, from the 31st day of January 1878 to the 31st day of January 1879.

Trade Marks.

Copy of a new Rule, dated 28th December 1878, made under the Trade Marks Registration Act, 1875.

Experiments on Animals.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Report from the Inspectors showing the Number of Experiments performed on living Animals during the year 1878, under Licences granted under the Act 39 & 40 *Vic.* c. 77, distinguishing painless from painful Experiments.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant February, the Licensing Boards (*Scotland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Post Office Telegraphs. No. 27.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Accounts of the Post Office Telegraphs for the year ended the 31st day of March 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Telegraph Service. No. 28.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account showing the gross Amount received and the gross Amount expended in respect of Telegraph Service from the date of the transfer of the Telegraphs to the State, to the 31st day of March 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

National Gallery. No. 29.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the National Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the year 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. No. 30.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contract, dated the 7th day of February 1879, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the Conveyance of the Mails between this Country and *India* and *China*; together with Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated the 12th day of February 1879, thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Borough Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next, the Borough Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Army (Manufacturing Establishments.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Accounts of the several Manufacturing Establishments under the War Office for the year 1877-78 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 137, of Session 1878).

Trade and Navigation. No. 31.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1879.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Emigration and Immigration. No. 32.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to Emigration and Immigration from and into the United Kingdom in the year 1878, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway, &c. Bills. No. 33.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy of the Report by the Board of Trade upon all the Railway, Tramway, Gas, and Water Bills of Session 1878-79.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Writs issued in the Recess.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That, in pursuance of the directions of the Acts passed in the 24th year of the reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, c. 26, and in the 21st and 22nd year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, c. 110, and in the 26th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, c. 20, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament—

For the Northern Division of the County of *Norfolk*, in the room of Colonel *James Duff*, deceased.

For the County of *Cambridge*, in the room of the Honourable *Eliot Constantine Yorke*, deceased.

And also a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament—

For the County of *Cork*, in the room of *Timothy McCarthy Downing*, Esquire, deceased.

Warwick County (Southern Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Southern Division of the County of *Warwick*, in the room of *Hugh De Grey Seymour*, commonly called Earl of *Yarmouth*, who, since his Election for the said Division of the said County, hath accepted the Office of Controller of Her Majesty's Household.

Haddington Burghs Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the *Haddington* District of Burghs, in the room of the Honourable *William Montague*

Montague Hay, commonly called Lord *William Hay*, now Marquis of *Tweeddale*, in the Peerage of *Scotland*.

Army (Manufacturing Establishments.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Army (Manufacturing Establishments).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Land Laws Reform (Ireland) and University Education (Ireland.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the omission of all reference to legislation on the "questions of Reform in the Land Laws and of "the University Education of *Ireland*, both in "the Queen's Speech and in the Statement of the "Chancellor of the Exchequer this evening, is "calculated to produce great discontent in *Ireland*, "and is an ill return for the increased burthens "which the warlike policy of the Government is "calculated to entail on the *Irish* as well as on the "*British* people," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 14*th February*, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*:	72.
Tellers for the Noes,	Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Richard Power*	25.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitual Drunkards Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 14*th February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

THE Select Committee on Standing Orders was nominated of Mr. *Mowbray*, Mr. *Bruen*, Sir *Edward Colebrooke*, Mr. *Cubitt*, Mr. *Floyer*, Mr. *Hankey*, Mr. *Howard*, Sir *Graham Montgomery*, The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Rodwell*, and Mr. *Whitbread*.

Selection.

The Committee of Selection was nominated of Mr. *Floyer*, Mr. *Hankey*, Sir *Graham Montgomery*, The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Whitbread*, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide First Report.

High Court of Justice (Chancery Division and Court of Bankruptcy.) No. 34.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division and Court of Bankruptcy), which was presented upon the 13th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

Post Office Telegraphs. No. 35.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Post Office Telegraphs, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Irish Reproductive Loan Fund. No. 36.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the *Irish* Reproductive Loan Fund, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Chelsea Hospital. No. 37.

Ordered, That the Account relative to *Chelsea* Hospital, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Civil Service and Revenue Departments. No. 38.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts relative to the Civil Service and Revenue Departments, which were presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Duchy of Lancaster. No. 39.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of *Lancaster*, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Westminster School. No. 40.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Westminster* School, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Police (Counties and Boroughs.) No. 41.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Police (Counties and Boroughs), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874. No. 42.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874, which were presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

East India (Loans raised in India.) No. 43.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Loans raised in *India*), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

East India (Liabilities in India.) No. 44.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Liabilities in *India*), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Augmentation of Benefices. No. 45.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Augmentation of Benefices, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Explosions (Elterwater.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Gunpowder at a Gunpowder Factory at *Elterwater*, near *Ambleside*, *Westmoreland*, on the 29th November 1878, by Major *A. Ford*, R.A., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives.

Poor Law Union and Lunacy Inquiry Commission (Ireland.)

Copy of Report of the Poor Law Union and Lunacy Inquiry Commission (*Ireland*), and Evidence, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Volunteers.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for War to inquire into the Financial State and Internal Organization of the Volunteer Force in *Great Britain*, together with Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix.

Natal and Transvaal (Military Affairs.)

Copy of Correspondence relative to Military Affairs in *Natal* and the *Transvaal*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

National Debt (Military Savings Banks.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and of the Gross Amount of Stock bought and sold by, and transferred to the said Commissioners on account of "The Fund for the Military Savings Banks," pursuant to 22 & 23 *Vic.* c. 20, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1879.

National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.)

(1.) An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from their commencement at 6th August 1817 to the 20th November 1878, inclusive:——Of the Aggregate Amount of the separate Surplus Fund of all Savings Banks at 20th November 1878, and of the Gross Amount of all Sums transferred to, or paid out of such Surplus Fund in the course of the year ended 20th November 1878:——And, of all Expenses incurred by the said Commissioners, for Salaries of Clerks or other Incidental Expenses during the year ended 20th November 1878:——(2.) An Account, setting forth, in detail, the whole of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1878, in the Investment of all Moneys which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, and of all the variations which have taken place during such year, in the Securities held by the said Commissioners for those Institutions:——(3.) An Account showing the Aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to the Trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1878; and the Nature, Amount, and Value of the Securities (taken at the Price of that day) held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet the same, and the Amount of the Deficiency thereon.

Sardinian Loan.

An Account of the Total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund, and advanced to His Majesty the King of *Sardinia*, by virtue of the Acts 18 *Vic.* c. 17, and 19 & 20 *Vic.* c. 39; and also of the Sums received to 31st December 1878, for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof.

Greek Loan.

An Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Acts 2 & 3 *Will.* 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 *Will.* 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the *Greek* Loan which is guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the *Greek* Government on account of the same, up to 31st December 1878.

Russian-Dutch Loan.

An Account of the Sums which have been paid and applied within the year 1878 on account of the *Russian-Dutch* Loan.

Metropolitan Improvements.

Statement of the Advances for Metropolitan Improvements out of the Consolidated Fund to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, &c., and of the Moneys paid into the Consolidated Fund, between the 1st of January and the 31st of December 1878.

Greenwich Hospital and School

Appropriation Account of the Sum granted by Parliament for *Greenwich* Hospital and School, for the year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. (Appropriation Account.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

British and Irish Exports.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade on the Prices of Exports of *British* and *Irish* Produce in the years 1861—1877.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Greenwich Hospital.

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and of the Income derived from the Lands and other Property held for the benefit of *Greenwich* Hospital, for the year ended on the 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

Ordered, That the Habitual Drunkards Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Number of Electors.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, with respect to each Parliamentary Constituency in the United Kingdom, the Total Number of Electors on the Register now in force.

Prison Rules.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of further Correspondence between Sir *W. H. Wyatt*, or any other of the Magistrates of *Middlesex* and *Westminster*, or of the City of *London*, or of the County of *Surrey*, and the Home Office, relative to the working of the New Prison Rules and the Control of the Magistrates.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fielden*, Mr. *Majendie*, and Mr. *Clifton* have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Borough Franchise (Ireland.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the restricted nature of the Borough "Franchise in *Ireland* as compared with that "existing in *England* and *Scotland* is a subject "deserving the immediate attention of Parliament, "with a view of establishing a fair and just "equality of the Franchise in the three Countries," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 15th February, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*:	256.
Tellers for the Noes,	Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Richard Power*:	187.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Benett Stanford*: } 102.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Onslow*, Sir *John Astley*: } 53.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:— The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Earl *Percy*, Lord *Francis Hervey*: } 33.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Beresford Hope*: } 81.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the original Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "be" to the end of the Question, in order to add the word "re-committed," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rathbone*, Mr. *Ritchie*: } 65.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Yorke*: } 40.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to remove Disqualification by Medical Relief for Infectious Disease.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of March next.

Election Petitions (Costs.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the Amount of the Costs recoverable in Election Petitions: And that Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Macdonald*, and Mr. *Patrick Martin* do prepare, and bring it in.

Valuation of Property.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Valuation of Property for the purposes of Rates and Taxes: And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. *Salt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Banking Laws Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Laws relating to Banking:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Banking.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Banking:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *James Barclay*, Mr. *Baxter*, Mr. *Cowan*, and Mr. *Courtney* do prepare, and bring it in.

Commons.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, Six Members to be nominated by the House and Five by the Committee of Selection, to consider every Report made by the Inclosure Commissioners certifying the expediency of any Provisional Order for the inclosure or regulation of a Common,

Common, and presented to the House during the present Session, before a Bill be brought in for the confirmation of such Order.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have power with respect to each such Provisional Order to inquire and report to the House whether the same should be confirmed by Parliament, and, if so, whether with or without modification; and in the event of their being of opinion that the same should not be confirmed, except subject to modifications, to report such modifications accordingly, with a view to such Provisional Order being remitted to the Inclosure Commissioners.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Assimilation of the *Irish* Municipal Franchise to that of *England*: And that Major *O'Gorman*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *Richard Power*, and Mr. *Blennerhassett* do prepare, and bring it in.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for personal Injuries suffered by Persons in their Service: And that Mr. *Brassey*, Mr. *Morley*, Mr. *Bass*, and Mr. *Sullivan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Summary Jurisdiction.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates: And that Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, and Sir *Matthew Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Prosecution of Offences.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for more effectually providing for the Prosecution of Offences in *England*, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, and Sir *Matthew Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Coroners.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Coroners: And that Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, and Sir *Matthew Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Works Loans.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Cyprus (Government and Public Works.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names, and Nature, and Place of Employment, and Salaries of *Englishmen* employed in the Civil Government of *Cyprus*, and of the Names of such Officials sent Home on Sick Leave or invalided since the date of the Occupation:——And, of all Public Works commenced or authorised to be commenced up to the 1st day of January 1879 upon the Island of *Cyprus*, specifying date of commencement and estimated Cost.

Cyprus (Medical and other Reports.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Reports of Principal Medical Officers in *Cyprus*.

Cyprus (Forces Employed, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns, for every Friday since the date of the Occupation of *Cyprus* up to the 1st day of January 1879, showing the Number of (1) *English* Soldiers, (2) *Indian* Soldiers, (3) Marines, (4) Sailors of the Fleet, upon the Island or the Station; and, of (5) *English* Soldiers, (6) *Indian* Soldiers, (7) Marines, (8) Sailors in Hospital or on the Sick List, specifying the Total Number of Sick, and the Number suffering from each Complaint:——And, of the Number of (9) Military, and (10) Naval Officers invalided Home since the Occupation:—

Date.	Number on Island, or on Station, of				Number suffering from specified Complaints, of				Total Number of Sick.	Number of Officers sent Home on Sick Leave since Occupation.	
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Coroners Bill. Bill 67.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Coroners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Prosecution of Offences Bill. Bill 68.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented a Bill for more effectually providing for the Prosecution of Offences in *England*, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill. Bill 69.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Public Works Loans Bill. Bill 70.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Valuation of Property Bill. Bill 71.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Valuation of Property for the purposes of Rates and Taxes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill. Bill 72.

Major *Nolan* presented a Bill to limit the Amount of the Costs recoverable in Election Petitions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill. Bill 73.

Mr. *James Barclay* presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Banking: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill. Bill 74.

Major *O'Gorman* presented a Bill for the Assimilation of the *Irish* Municipal Franchise to that of *England*: And the same was read the first time;

time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill. Bill 75.

Mr. *Thomas Brassey* presented a Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Persons in their Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ancient Monuments [Expenses.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses which may become payable by the Commissioners under the provisions of any Act of the present Session, to provide for the better protection of Ancient Monuments;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Three of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 17*th February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

London Bridge.

THE House being informed, That the Sheriffs of the City of *London* attended at the door, they were called in; and at the Bar presented,—A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled:—And then they withdrew.

And the said Petition, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of *London* to widen *London* Bridge, and for other purposes, was read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Cotton*, Mr. *Twells*, and Mr. *Hubbard*.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements.

The House being informed, That the Sheriffs of the City of *London* attended at the door, they were called in; and at the Bar presented,—A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled:—And then they withdrew.

And the said Petition, praying for leave to bring in a Bill for the abolition of the present *Leadenhall* Market, for the Improvement of the Site and Neighbourhood thereof, the formation of new Streets, the Establishment of a New *Leadenhall* Market, and for other purposes, was read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Cotton* and Mr. *Goschen*.

Liverpool Lighting.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Liverpool*, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further Provision for the Lighting of the Borough of *Liverpool*, and to extend the Powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough in relation to the Supply of Light for Public and Private purposes, and to enable the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to acquire the Undertaking of the *Liverpool* United Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Torr* and Mr. *Rathbone*.

Gosport Street Tramways.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Gosport* Street Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Bruce* and Sir *Sydney Waterlow*.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways.)

A Petition of the *London* and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the *London* and North Western Railway Company and that Company and the *Furness* Railway Company jointly to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Bruce*, Colonel *Bourne*, and Mr. *Brocklehurst*.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers.)

A Petition of the *London* and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the *London* and North Western Railway Company, in connection with their own Undertaking and upon that Company jointly with the Great Western, the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire*, and the *Furness* Railway Companies respectively, in connection with their joint Undertakings; for the Dissolution of the *Buckinghamshire*, the *Bedford*, the *Chester* and *Holyhead*, the *Lancaster* and *Carlisle*, and the *Kendal* and *Windermere* Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Marquis of *Stafford*, Lord *Richard Grosvenor*, and Mr. *Knowles*.

East London Railway.

A Petition of the East *London* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the East *London* Railway Company to abandon an authorised Junction with the Great Eastern Railway, and to provide Lifts in lieu thereof, and to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Moneys; for cancelling or altering certain Agreements between the Company and the Great Eastern and *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies respectively; for conferring further Rights and Powers upon the Holders of the Debenture Stocks and Preference Stocks of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Edward Watkin* and Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen*.

Crystal Palace District Gas.

A Petition of the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Bourne* and Dr. *Lush*.

Birkenhead Tramways.

A Petition of the *Birkenhead* Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the *Birkenhead* Tramways Company to construct new Tramways, and to purchase or take on Lease the Tramways of the *Hoylake* and *Birkenhead* Rail and Tramway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *MacIver* and Mr. *Rathbone*.

Derby Improvement.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the Corporation of the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*, with respect to the Local Government and Improvement of the Borough; to enable the Corporation to acquire the *Derby* Waterworks Company's Undertaking; to supply Electric Light, &c., and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Henry Wilmot*, Mr. *Evans*, and Mr. *Bass*.

A Petition

South Eastern Railway.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer upon the South Eastern Railway Company further Powers with reference to their own Undertakings, and those of other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Edward Watkin* and Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen*.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting.)

A Petition of the *London* and North Western Railway Company, and the *Denbigh, Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for vesting in the *London* and North Western Railway Company the Undertaking of the *Denbigh, Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *William Lowther* and Mr. *Hick*.

Manchester Suburban Tramways.

A Petition of the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Company to construct further Tramways in the Neighbourhood of *Manchester*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Dickson* and Mr. *Pennington*.

Bath Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City and Borough of *Bath*, in the County of *Somerset*, for leave to bring in a Bill for vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City and Borough of *Bath* the *Bath* Commons, or Freemen's Estate; and to provide Compensation to the Free Citizens of the same City and Borough for their interests therein; and for empowering the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to acquire by Agreement, and to demise and manage Lands for a Public Park, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major *Allen* and Sir *Arthur Hayter*.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway.

A Petition of the *Didcot, Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the *Didcot, Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Massey* and Mr. *Rodwell*.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of *Edinburgh*, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Municipality and Police, and Roads and Streets of the City of *Edinburgh*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *McLaren* and Mr. *Cowan*.

Midland Railway.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring additional Powers on the Midland Railway Company for the Construction of Railways and other Works, the Acquisition of Lands, and the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Heygate* and Mr. *Biddulph*.

Nelson Local Board.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Nelson*, in the County of *Lancaster*, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Nelson*, in the County of *Lancaster*, to extend their Waterworks, and to confer upon them further Powers with respect to the Improvement and Government of their District, and the raising of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* and Mr. *Holt*.

Norwich Tramways.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Norwich* Street Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Colman* and Mr. *Barran*.

Over Darwen Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Over Darwen*, in the County of *Lancaster*, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Borough of *Over Darwen*, and for the Improvement of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkie* and Mr. *Holt*.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas.

A Petition of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Light and Coke Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Massey Lopes* and Mr. *Garnier*.

Portsmouth Water.

A Petition of the Borough of *Portsmouth* Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Borough of *Portsmouth* Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *James Elphinstone* and Mr. *Bruce*.

Sidmouth Railway.

A Petition of the *Sidmouth* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Railways authorised by the *Sidmouth* Railway Act, 1876, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *John Kennaway* and Mr. *James Stewart*.

Taff Vale Railway.

A Petition of the *Taff Vale* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the *Taff Vale* Railway Company to make new Railways and other Works, and to acquire Additional Lands in the County of *Glamorgan*, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Hussey Vivian* and Colonel *Stuart*.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company.

A Petition of the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company, Limited, the *Liverpool* Tramways Company, and the *Liverpool* Omnibus and Tramways Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for amalgamating the *Liverpool* Tramways Company and the *Liverpool* Omnibus and Tramways Company, Limited, and for re-incorporating them under the Name of the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Blackburne* and Mr. *Herschell*.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of a Marine Drive, Promenade and Sea Defences, and of Carriage Roads and a Tramway in the Parishes of *Walton-le-Soken* and *Frinton*, in the County of *Essex*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Brise* and Mr. *Round*.

South Dublin Railway.

A Petition of the South *Dublin* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the South *Dublin* Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Dick* and Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*.

A Petition

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway.

A Petition of the *Severn* Bridge and Forest of *Dean* Central Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise an Extension of Time to the *Severn* Bridge and Forest of *Dean* Central Railway Company, for completing their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Kingscote* and Mr. *Plunkett*.

Landsdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of Tramways in the Townships of *Pembroke*, and *Rathmines* and *Rathgar*, in the County of *Dublin*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Arthur Guinness* and Mr. *Maurice Brooks*.

Halesowen Railway.

A Petition of the *Halesowen* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm an Agreement between the *Halesowen* Railway Company and the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major *Dickson* and Mr. *Blennerhassett*.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway.

A Petition of the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Company to divert portions of their authorised Line, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount *Holmesdale* and Sir *William Dyke*.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways.

A Petition of the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction Railway Company, and the *Cork* and *Bandon* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the extension to *Deep Water* of the Railway of the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction Railway Company; to enable the *Cork* and *Bandon* Railway Company to purchase the Undertakings of that Company, and of the *West Cork* Railway Company; and to acquire certain rights belonging to the *Ilen Valley* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by The *O'Donoghue* and Mr. *Collins*.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.)

A Petition of the *British* Fisheries Society, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Acts relating to the *British* Fisheries Society; for vesting in Trustees *Pulteney* Harbour, and improving and maintaining the same, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Graham Montgomery* and Mr. *Matheson*.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health.

A Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of *Stratford-upon-Avon*, in the County of *Warwick*, and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Stratford-upon-Avon*, for leave to bring in a Bill for vesting in the Local Board of Health for the District of *Stratford-upon-Avon* the Undertaking of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Gas Company, and the Bridge called *Clopton* Bridge; for extending the Boundaries of the Borough of *Stratford-upon-Avon*, and dividing the Borough into Wards; for dissolving the Local Board, and transferring their Powers and Property to the Corporation of the extended Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Eardley Wilmot* and Mr. *Repton*.

Rochester Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Rochester*, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of *Rochester* to acquire the Undertaking of the *Strood* Waterworks Company; to construct additional Waterworks, and to supply Water; to construct an Embankment and Sewerage Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Julian Goldsmid* and Mr. *Otway*.

Tipton Local Board.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Tipton*, in the County of *Stafford*, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Tipton*, in the County of *Stafford*, to acquire certain Lands for the purposes of their Gas Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Charles Allsopp*, Mr. *Arthur Bass*, and Mr. *Brogden*.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water.

A Petition of the *Whitehaven* Union Rural Sanitary Authority, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Whitehaven* Union Rural Sanitary Authority to construct Waterworks for the Supply of Water to the Special Drainage District of *Arlecdon* and *Frizington*, within their District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Wyndham*, Lord *Muncaster*, and Mr. *Cavendish Bentinck*.

Aberdeen Harbour.

A Petition of the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Alexander Gordon* and Mr. *Leith*.

Teign Valley Railway Extension.

A Petition of the *Teign Valley* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the *Teign Valley* Railway Company to make an extension of their Railway to *Exeter*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Lawrence Palk* and Sir *George Bowyer*.

East Retford Water.

A Petition of *Henry Wigfield*, of *Rotherham*, in the County of *York*, Draper, and *Thomas Cooper*, of *Rawmarsh*, in the said County of *York*, Colliery Proprietors, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying with Water such parts of the Parishes of *Clarborough*, *East Retford*, *West Retford*, and *Ordsall*, as are situate within the Municipal Borough of *East Retford*, in the County of *Nottingham*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Foljambe* and Mr. *William Beckett Denison*.

Saint Alban City Extension.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Saint Alban*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of the City of *Saint Alban*, in the County of *Hertford*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Halsey*, Mr. *Abel Smith*, and Mr. *Cowper*.

Belfast Water.

A Petition of the *Belfast* Water Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *Belfast* Water Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *James Corry* and Mr. *Ewart*.

Shortlands, Knockholt, and Otford Railway.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from *Shortlands* to *Knockholt*, in the County of *Kent*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Charles Mills* and Viscount *Lewisham*.

Aldrington Water.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Aldrington* Estate Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Benett-Stanford* and Mr. *Corbett*.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway.

A Petition of the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Delahunty* and Mr. *Macdonald*.

Dover and Deal Railway.

A Petition of the South Eastern and *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Periods limited for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands for, and for the Completion of, the *Dover* and *Deal* Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Edward Watkin* and Sir *Sydney Waterlow*.

Morecambe Gas.

A Petition of the *Morecambe* Gas Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the *Morecambe* Gas and Light Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkie* and Mr. *Knowles*.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.

A Petition of the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Sydney Waterlow* and Major *Dickson*.

Alloa Railway.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the *South Alloa* Branch of the *Caledonian* Railway to *Alloa*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Ewing*, Dr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *William Holms*.

Birmingham Corporation Water.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Birmingham*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time limited by the *Birmingham* Waterworks Act, 1870, for the Construction of the Works by that Act authorised, and to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Birmingham* to borrow further Moneys for the purposes of the *Birmingham* (Corporation) Water Act, 1875, and of the Waterworks of the Corporation, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Muntz*, Mr. *Bright*, and Mr. *Chamberlain*.

Norwich Improvement.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Norwich*, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of New Roads, Bridges, Approaches, and Works in or near the City of *Norwich*; to provide for the better Care and Management of closed Burial Grounds in the City; to extend the Powers of the Corporation in relation to the Health and Local Government of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Colman*, Mr. *Clare Read*, and Sir *Robert Buxton*.

Saint Helens and District Tramways.

A Petition of the Promoters of the thereinnamed Bill, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways in the Borough and District of *Saint Helens*, in the County of *Lancaster*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Blackburne* and Mr. *Herschell*.

Lancaster Gas.

A Petition of the *Lancaster* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Lancaster* Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkie* and Mr. *Knowles*.

Aberdeen District Tramways.

A Petition of the *Aberdeen* District Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *Aberdeen* District Tramways Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Leith* and Sir *Alexander Gordon*.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.)

A Petition of Trustees acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament relating to the Port, Harbour, and Town of *Whitehaven*, and as the Urban Sanitary Authority of the Town, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of the Town and Urban Sanitary District of *Whitehaven*, to amend the Constitution of the Governing Body, to authorise the Construction of a Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Cavendish Bentinck* and Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*.

West Lancashire Railway.

A Petition of the West *Lancashire* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the West *Lancashire* Railway Company to make new and substituted Railways; to abandon parts of their authorised Railways; to extend the Time for the Completion of other parts of those Railways; to raise further Moneys; and to confer further Powers in relation to the Undertakings of the Company and of other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Secretary *Cross* and Colonel *Blackburne*.

Warrington Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Warrington*, in the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Chester*, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Warrington*, in the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Chester*, to construct additional Gasworks, and to supply Light by Electricity; and for making better Provision for the Improvement and Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Gilbert Greenall* and Mr. *Knowles*.

Renfrew Burgh and Harbour.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of *Renfrew*, in the County of *Renfrew*, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Corporation of the Royal Burgh of *Renfrew* to borrow Money on the Security of the Common Good or Property of the Burgh, for the Extension and Improvement of the Harbour thereof; for repealing certain Powers of making Harbour Works at *Renfrew*, now vested in the *Glasgow* and South Western Railway Company, and re-vesting the Lands acquired for those Works in the Corporation, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Fortescue Harrison* and Colonel *Mure*.

Caledonian Railway.

A Petition of the *Caledonian* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the periods allowed to the *Caledonian* Railway Company by former Acts for the acquisition of certain Lands and the completion of certain Works;

Works; for abandoning certain of their authorised Works; for enabling them to appoint Members of the Joint Committee for the management of certain portions of the Undertaking of the *Portpatrick* Railway Company; for confirming an Agreement between them and other parties as to certain Lands and Streets at *Dundee*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Edward Colebrooke* and Mr. *William Holms*.

Aire and Calder Navigation.

A Petition of the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers *Aire* and *Calder*, in the County of *York*, and of the Directors for managing the affairs of the said Navigation, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers upon the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers of *Aire* and *Calder*, in the County of *York*; for the better supply of Gas and the supply of Electric Light to the Port and Town of *Goole* and Neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Christopher Beckett Denison* and Mr. *Walter Stanhope*.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway.

A Petition of Suitors for effecting the object thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Construction of a Railway from the *Ely* and *Lynn* Branch of the Great Eastern Railway to *Stoke Ferry*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *Claud Hamilton*, Sir *William Bagge*, and Colonel *Makins*.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the making and maintaining of the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester*, *Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Eardley Wilmot*, Major *Dickson*, and Mr. *Merewether*.

Grand Junction Water.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Grand Junction Waterworks Act, 1878, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Henry Holland* and Mr. *Coope*.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways.

A Petition of the Provincial Tramways Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Provincial Tramways Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in the Parishes of *Great Grimsby* and *Clee*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Puleston* and Mr. *Watkin*.

Millwall Dock.

A Petition of the *Millwall* Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Millwall* Dock Company, and to authorise certain Agreements between them and other Dock Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Samuda* and Mr. *Ritchie*.

New River Company.

A Petition of the Governor and Company of the New River brought from *Chadwell* and *Amwell* to *London*, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the New River Company to raise further Money, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Steuart Gathorne-Hardy* and Sir *Harcourt Johnstone*.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways.

A Petition of the General Tramways Company of *Portsmouth*, (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the General Tramways Company of *Portsmouth* (Limited), to construct additional Tramways in the Borough of *Portsmouth*, and to *Cosham*, in the County of *Southampton*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *James Elphinstone* and Mr. *Puleston*.

Rawmarsh Local Board.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Rawmarsh*, in the West Riding of the County of *York*, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the *Rawmarsh* Local Board the Gas Mains and Pipes within their District now belonging to the Corporation of *Rotherham*; to enable the Local Board to supply Gas within their District, and also to supply Gas and Water within certain parts of the adjoining Township of *Greasbrough*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Foljambe* and Mr. *Waddy*.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway.

A Petition of Suitors for the Bill thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill authorising the construction of the *Church Fenton*, *Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Walter Stanhope* and Mr. *Starkey*.

Forth Bridge Railway.

A Petition of the *Forth Bridge* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the purchase of Lands for, and for the construction of the *Forth Bridge* Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Adam* and Mr. *Yeaman*.

Glasgow Corporation Water.

A Petition of the Magistrates and Council of the City of *Glasgow*, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of the *Glasgow* Corporation Waterworks to construct additional Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Mr. *Whitelaw*.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of *Glasgow*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Muncipal Boundaries of the City of *Glasgow*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Mr. *Whitelaw*.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of *Glasgow*, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of *Glasgow* to construct additional Tramways in the City of *Glasgow* and its neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Mr. *Whitelaw*.

Grantham Borough.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Grantham*, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Boundaries of the Municipal Borough of *Grantham*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Hugh Cholmeley* and Major *Cust*.

Westgate and Birchington Gas and Water.

A Petition of Suitors for the Bill thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Gas and Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented,

sented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Cowen* and Mr. *Ingram*.

Corris Railway.

A Petition of the *Corris* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The *Corris*, *Machynlleth*, and River *Dovey* Tramroad Act, 1858," and "The *Corris* Railway Act, 1864," and to confer further Powers upon the *Corris* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Puleston*.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways.

A Petition of Suitors for the Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways for connecting the Towns of *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Holt*, Mr. *Starkie*, Mr. *Briggs*, and Mr. *Thwaites*.

East Indian Railway.

A Petition of the *East Indian* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Secretary of State in Council and the *East Indian* Railway Company to enter into Contracts for the purchase of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, and for other purposes in relation to such Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Freshfield*.

Dearne Valley Water.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for making Works and supplying Water within certain Parishes and Townships in the Valley of the *Dearne*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkey* and Mr. *Walter Stanhope*.

Great Eastern Railway.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Great Eastern Railway Company to execute additional Works, and for conferring on them further Powers in relation to their Undertaking, and the Undertakings of other Companies; for amending their Acts in various particulars, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *Claud Hamilton* and Colonel *Makins*.

Great Southern and Western Railway.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and of the *Castleisland* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to acquire additional Lands for the purposes of their Undertakings; to widen, remove, and replace certain of their Bridges; and for vesting in that Company the Undertaking of the *Castleisland* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Arthur Guinness* and Mr. *Murphy*.

Ilkley Gas.

A Petition of the *Ilkley* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Ilkley* Gas Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and to supply the Electric Light, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Mathew Wilson* and Mr. *Ripley*.

Metropolitan Railway.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Completion of certain Railways and Works, and to confirm an Agreement between the Metropolitan and the Great Western Railway Companies, and to authorise Agreements with respect to the supply of Water to Houses and Property of the Metropolitan Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen*, Mr. *Benjamin Whitworth*, and Mr. *Watkin*.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, and the Metropolitan District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan and the Metropolitan District Railway Companies, to make certain Railways for completing the Inner Circle, and connecting their Railways with the East *London* Railway; also a new Street and certain Street Improvements; and to confer various Powers upon the Corporation of *London*, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and other Public Bodies in reference to the Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen*, Mr. *Benjamin Whitworth*, and Mr. *Watkin*.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies.

A Petition of the *North British* Railway Company, and *Glasgow*, *Bothwell*, *Hamilton*, and *Coatbridge* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amalgamate the *Glasgow*, *Bothwell*, *Hamilton*, and *Coatbridge* Railway with the *North British* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Graham Montgomery* and Mr. *Adam*.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.)

A Petition of the *North British* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to give to the *North British* Railway Company a Joint Interest with the *Caledonian* Railway Company in the *Dundee* and *Arbroath* Railway, and part of the *Arbroath* and *Forfar* Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Graham Montgomery* and Mr. *Adam*.

North British Railway (General Powers.)

A Petition of the *North British* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *North British* Railway Company to make a Railway and Pier, and stop up a Road in the Parish of *Cardross*, in the County of *Dumbarton*; to consolidate their ordinary Stocks; to confirm certain Agreements with respect to the Railway at *Dundee*, and the carrying of a Waterpipe across the *Tay* Bridge, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Graham Montgomery* and Mr. *Adam*.

North Staffordshire Railway.

A Petition of the North *Staffordshire* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the North *Staffordshire* Railway Company to construct certain Railways and Works for the Improvement of their System in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Chester*; to abandon portions of certain Railways; to appoint Directors of the *Cheadle* Railway Company; to amend the Company's Acts with respect to Tolls and Charges; to confirm certain Agreements; to provide for the Establishment of Hotels and Provident Institutions, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Mills*.

Queenstown Gas.

A Petition of the *Queenstown* Gas Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the *Queenstown* Gas and Light Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Goulding* and Mr. *Murphy*.

Thames and Severn Canal.

A Petition of the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the

the Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Navigation to raise more Money, and to transfer their Undertaking to a new Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Goddard* and Mr. *Wait*.

Wombwell Local Board.

A Petition of the *Wombwell* Local Board, for leave to bring in a Bill for effecting the Sale and Transfer to the *Wombwell* Local Board of the Undertaking of the *Wombwell* and *Darfield* Gas Company (Limited), and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkey* and Mr. *Walter Stanhope*.

Brighton and Hove Gas.

A Petition of the *Brighton* and *Hove* General Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Brighton* and *Hove* General Gas Company to construct additional Works, to provide and supply Lighting and Heating Agents other than Gas, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Gregory* and Mr. *Scott*.

Gas Light and Coke Company.

A Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the "Gas Light and Coke Company Act, 1876," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Makins* and Colonel *Beresford*.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas.

A Petition of the Person whose name is hereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Company, and for authorising them to purchase *Houghton* Gasworks, and to supply with Gas the Townships of *Houghton-le-Spring*, *Newbottle*, and *East Rainton*, in the County of *Durham*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Henry Havelock* and Mr. *Gourley*.

London Gas Light Company.

A Petition of the *London* Gas Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the *London* Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Charles Russell* and Mr. *Grantham*.

Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board.

A Petition of the *Lower Thames Valley* Main Sewerage Board, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the *Lower Thames Valley* Main Sewerage Board, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *George Hamilton* and Mr. *Gorst*.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.

A Petition of the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Company, the *Oldham*, *Ashton-under-Lyne* and *Guide Bridge* Junction Railway Company, the *Sheffield* and Midland Railway Companies Committee, and the *Manchester* South Junction and *Altrincham* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Company, and on other Companies in connection with that Company, and on the *Sheffield* and Midland Railway Companies Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Gilbert Greenall* and Sir *Edward Wathin*.

Merionethshire Railway.

A Petition of the *Merionethshire* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to further extend the Time for the completion of the *Merionethshire* Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Holland* and Mr. *Robertson*.

Sleaford Water

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying with Water the Town of *Sleaford*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and the adjacent District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *William Welby-Gregory* and Mr. *Turnor*.

Rhymney Railway.

A Petition of the *Rhymney* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Rhymney* Railway Company to construct certain Railways in the County of *Glamorgan*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Stuart* and Mr. *Dalrymple*.

Southend Water.

A Petition of the *Southend* Waterworks Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Southend* Waterworks Company; and for conferring powers upon them with reference to the construction and maintenance of Works, the Supply of Water, and otherwise, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Henry Brassey*, Mr. *Finch*, and Mr. *Leith*.

Pinner Railway.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating a Company for making a Railway from the *Kingsbury* and *Harrow* Railway, at *Harrow-on-the-Hill*, to *Pinner*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *George Hamilton* and Mr. *Coope*.

Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, being Merchants, Traders, and others interested in the Port and Harbour of *Aberdeen*, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Constitution, Qualification, and Election of the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Leith* and Lord *Douglas Gordon*.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Blackpool*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Borough of *Blackpool*, and to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses thereof to make new Streets, Street Improvements, and other Works; to extend the limits of Gas Supply, and to make further Provision for the Improvement and Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Secretary *Stanley* and Mr. *Clifton*.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment.)

A Petition of the *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Railway authorised by "The *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway Acts, 1874 and 1875," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Staveley Hill* and Mr. *Monckton*.

Cardiff Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Cardiff*, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Transfer to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Cardiff* of the *Cardiff* Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel *Stuart* and Mr. *Hussey Vivian*.

Great Northern Railway.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Great Northern Railway Company, and the *Cheshire* Lines Committee, was

was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Christopher Beckett Denison* and Mr. *Tennant*.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, and of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for more intimate connection between the Undertakings of the Great Northern and the Great Eastern Railway Companies, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Christopher Beckett Denison*, Mr. *Tennant*, and Lord *Claud Hamilton*.

Imperial Continental Gas Association.

A Petition of the Imperial Continental Gas Association, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Imperial Continental Gas Association to supply means of Lighting other than Gas, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Julian Goldsmid* and Mr. *Twells*.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

A Petition of the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Company, and the West *Lancashire* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Company with relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Algernon Egerton*, Sir *Mathew Wilson*, and Lord *Frederick Cavendish*.

Leicester Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Leicester*, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Leicester*, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Peter Taylor* and Mr. *Alexander M'Arthur*.

Lewes Cattle Market.

A Petition of the *Lewes* Cattle Market Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for establishing a Cattle Market at *Lewes*, in *Sussex*, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Gregory* and Mr. *Scott*.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels.)

A Petition of the *London* and South Western Railway Company, and of the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the *London* and South Western Railway Company, and the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Company, to provide and use Steam and other Vessels for Conveyance of Traffic between Places on the Coast of *Hampshire*, and between those Places and the *Isle of Wight*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Laing* and Mr. *Beach*.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies.

A Petition of the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Company, and of the South Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast, and the South Eastern Railway Companies, certain Undertakings in *Surrey*, and to enable them to extend and vary the said Undertakings, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Laing* and Sir *Edward Watkin*.

London, Brighton. and South Coast Railway.

A Petition of the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Laing* and Mr. *Fremantle*.

Blackburn Improvement.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Blackburn*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Borough of *Blackburn*, to make further Provision for its Local Government and Improvement, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Briggs* and Mr. *Thwaites*.

Furness Railway.

A Petition of the *Furness* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Furness* Railway Company, for the Construction of Works, the Acquisition of Lands, and otherwise, in relation to their Undertaking; for authorising them and the Midland Railway Company to execute Works for empowering the *Furness* Railway Company to subscribe towards the Capital of the *Cleator* and *Workington* Junction Railway Company; for transferring to the *Furness* Railway Company certain Rights of the Commissioners and Trustees of the Port of *Lancaster*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *Frederick Cavendish* and Admiral *Egerton*.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway.

A Petition of the *Sevenoaks, Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and give effect to the Provisions of "The *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (Arbitration) Act, 1869," and of "The *Crystal Palace* and *Sevenoaks* Railways Act, 1874," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *William Dyke* and Sir *Charles Mills*.

Pemberton Local Board.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Pemberton*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Pemberton* Local Board in relation to the Construction of Waterworks, and the Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord *Lindsay* and Colonel *Blackburne*.

Bromley Gas.

A Petition of the *Bromley* Gas Consumers Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Bromley* Gas Consumers Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Charles Mills* and Viscount *Lewisham*.

Nottingham Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Nottingham*, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Nottingham* to purchase *Bulwell Forest* for the purposes of a Public Park and Cemetery, to construct additional Gas Works, to acquire the Undertaking of the *Nottingham* Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *W. E. Denison* and Mr. *Isaac*.

Birmingham Gas.

A Petition of the Guardians of the *King's Norton* Union, in the Counties of *Worcester, Warwick*, and *Stafford*, acting as the Rural Sanitary Authority of such Union, being the Lighting Authority of the Parish of *Northfield*, in the County of *Worcester*, and of Owners of Property, and Ratepayers, and Consumers of Gas in the Parishes of *Northfield* and *Yardley*, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Birmingham* (Corporation) Gas Act, 1875, with respect to Charges for Gas at *Northfield* and *Yardley*, in the Counties of *Worcester* and *Warwick*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Henry Allsopp* and Sir *Henry Jackson*.

A Petition

Glossop Gas.

A Petition of the *Glossop* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the District of the *Glossop* Gas Company, to enable the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Roebuck* and Mr. *Mundella*.

Mirfield Gas.

A Petition of the *Mirfield* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the *Mirfield* Gas Company to extend their Limits of Supply and Powers of Lighting, to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Serjeant *Simon* and Mr. *Sanderson*.

Knutsford Light and Water.

A Petition of the *Knutsford* Gas and Water Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Knutsford* Light and Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Wilbraham Egerton* and Mr. *Warburton*.

Wisbech Gas.

A Petition of the *Wisbech* Gas Light and Coke Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers on the *Wisbech* Gas Light and Coke Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Rodwell* and Mr. *Hicks*.

Stourbridge Gas.

A Petition of the *Stourbridge* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enlarge the Powers of the *Stourbridge* Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Henry Allsopp* and Mr. *Thomas Walker*.

South Shields Gas.

A Petition of the *South Shields* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of further Powers to the *South Shields* Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *George Elliot* and Mr. *Ridley*.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods.)

A Petition of the Metropolitan Board of Works, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same so far as relates to the protection of the Metropolis from Floods and Inundations caused by the overflow of the River *Thames*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*, Colonel *Arbuthnot*, and Mr. *John Holms*.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies.

A Petition of the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal Company, and of the *Severn* Bridge Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Amalgamation of the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal Company and the *Severn* Bridge Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Marling* and Mr. *Price*.

Preston Gas.

A Petition of the *Preston* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the *Preston* Gas Company to extend their Limits of Supply, to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Hermon* and Mr. Attorney General.

Weardale and Shildon District Water.

A Petition of the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits within which the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Waterworks Company may supply Water; for empowering them to purchase the Undertaking of the *Durham* Water Company to construct additional Works, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Pease* and Mr. *Herschell*.

Nottingham Water.

A Petition of the *Nottingham* Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the *Nottingham* Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Frederick Smith* and Viscount *Galway*.

North and South Woolwich Subway.

A Petition of the North and South *Woolwich* Subway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Completion of the North and South *Woolwich* Subway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Charles Mills* and Viscount *Lewisham*.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas.

A Petition of the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Cowen* and Mr. *Hamond*.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1.)

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of Tramways in the Borough of *Cambridge*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Marten* and Mr. *Smollett*.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas.

A Petition of the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill conferring additional Powers on the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Greene* and Lord *Francis Hervey*.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas.

A Petition of the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Company to construct Tramways for the purposes of their Undertaking, to define certain Powers of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Bridport Railway.

A Petition of the *Bridport* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Bridport* Railway Company to make new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Colchester Water.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks for the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Eastbourne Local Board.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Eastbourne*, in the County of *Sussex*, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Local Board for the District of *Eastbourne* to make and maintain a Sea Wall or Embankment and Breakwater, a Street Improvement, a Town Hall, and other Works; and to make further provisions for the Improvement of the said District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Glasgow District Tramways.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways

Tramways in *Glasgow* and the Suburbs thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Hundred of Hoo Railway.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway in the County of *Kent*, to be called "The Hundred of *Hoo* Railway," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Leeds Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Leeds*, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Corporation of *Leeds* with reference to *Hunslet Moor*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Liverpool Tramways.

A Petition of the *Liverpool* Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the *Liverpool* Tramways Company to make new Tramways in connection with and in Extension of their authorised Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway.

A Petition of the *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Company to construct new or Deviation Lines of Railway; to abandon certain Portions of their authorised Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis.)

A Petition of the Metropolitan Board of Works, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to construct a High Level Bridge over the River *Thames*, and other Works in connection with such Bridge, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

East Norfolk Railway.

A Petition of the East *Norfolk* Railway Company, and the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the East *Norfolk* Railway Company to make certain Deviations in the Line of their *Aylsham* Extension Railway; to extend that Railway to the *Dereham, Fakenham*, and *Wells* Railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways.)

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of *Withington*, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Withington* to widen and improve the *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Road within their District; to widen, improve, and extend other Streets; to lay down Tramways in the said Road and elsewhere within their District; to continue the Term of the *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Roads Act, 1861; to enable the Trustees for executing that Act to contribute towards the Cost of such Widening and Improvement, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Worksop, South Muskham, and Newark Railway.

A Petition of *Edward Slatter Carr*, of *Redcliffe Gardens, South Kensington*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, and *William Hodding*, of *Bryanston Street*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, and *William Allen*, of *Cresswell Holme, Worksop*, in the County of *Nottingham*, Brewer, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Worksop, South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway Company, and authorising them to make and maintain the *Worksop, South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Private Bills.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means reported, That in accordance with Standing Order 79, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and that they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, *viz.*:

1. Accountants Institute.
2. *Ardmillan* Reclamation.
3. *Athenry* and *Ennis* Junction and Midland Great Western Railways.
4. *Ayr* Harbour.
5. *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway.
6. *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway.
7. *Ballymena, Cushendall*, and *Redbay* Railway.
8. *Ban* Navigation.
9. *Belfast* Central Railway.
10. *Bristol* Port Railway and Pier.
11. *Burnt Fen* First District.
12. Cancer Hospital.
13. *Chester* Cemetery.
14. *Christ Church, Newgate Street* (*London*) Tithes.
15. City of *Glasgow* Bank.
16. City of *London* School.
17. *Colwyn Bay* and *Pwllycrochon* Estate.
18. *Cornwall* Mineral Railway.
19. *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway.
20. *Dublin* Port and Docks Board.
21. *Dublin* (South) City Market.
22. *Dudley* Sewage.
23. *Dun* Drainage.
24. *East* and *West India* Dock Company.
25. East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway.
26. *East Layton* Estate Private Branch Railway.
27. Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
28. *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways.
29. *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier.
30. *Frieston Shore* (Estuary of the *Wash*) Reclamation.
31. *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway.
32. *Glasgow* Bridges.
33. *Glasgow, Wellington Street*, United Presbyterian Church.
34. Grand Junction Canal (Branch Canal to *Slough*).
35. Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*).
36. *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company.
37. *Hampstead* Vestry.
38. *Lancashire* County Justices.
39. *Letterkenny* Railway.
40. *Llandisilio* Improvement Commissioners.
41. *Llandudno* Improvement.
42. *London* (City) Tithes Commutation.
43. *London* General Omnibus Company.
44. *Maryport* District and Harbour.
45. Midland Counties and *Shannon* Junction Railway.
46. *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal.
47. *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway.
48. *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society.
49. *Rathfarnham* and *Terenure* Township.
50. *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway.
51. *Saint Bartholomew's* Hospital.
52. *Sharpness* New Docks, and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company.
53. *Sligo* Borough Water.
54. South *Essex* and *Dengie* Flats Reclamation.

55. *Thurles*

55. *Thurles* and *Nenagh* Direct Railway.
56. *Treferig Valley* Railway.
57. *Tring* Poor's Land.
58. *Upper Mersey* Navigation.
59. Vestry of *Saint Pancras*.
60. *Waterford* Improvement.
61. West *Donegal* Railway.
62. West *Kent* Main Sewerage.
63. *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge.
64. *Whitby* Harbour and Port.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Exchequer Bonds. No. 46.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of Exchequer Bonds payable in the year ending the 31st day of March 1879, unprovided for.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, *viz.*:—

Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas.
Bridport Railway.
Colchester Water.
Croesor and *Portmadoc* Railway.
Eastbourne Local Board.
Felixstowe Railway and Pier.
Glasgow District Tramways.
Hundred of *Hoo* Railway.
Leeds Corporation.
Liverpool Tramways.
Swindon, Marlborough, and *Andover* Railway.
Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis).
Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways).
Worksop, South Muskham, and *Newark* Railway.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions. Vide First Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Army (Colonies.) No. 47.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Army (Colonies), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Army (Variation of Numbers.) No. 48.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Army (Variation of Numbers), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Army (Manufacturing Establishments.) No. 49.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Manufacturing Establishments), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

National Debt (Military Savings Banks.) No. 50.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.) No. 51.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Sardinian Loan. No. 52.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the *Sardinian* Loan, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Greek Loan. No. 53.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the *Greek* Loan, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Russian-Dutch Loan. No. 54.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the *Russian-Dutch* Loan, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Greenwich Hospital and School. No. 55.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account relative to *Greenwich* Hospital and School, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Greenwich Hospital. No. 56.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to *Greenwich* Hospital, which were presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Paupers (England and Ireland.)

Mr. *Salt* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing, as nearly as can be ascertained, the Number of Persons born in *England* who received with their dependent Children, *i.e.*, their Children under Sixteen years of age, any Relief in *Ireland* on the 1st day of January or on the 1st day of July 1877, classified as follows:—The Numbers receiving Relief in Workhouses; the Numbers receiving Out-door Relief: and the Numbers receiving Relief in Lunatic Asylums or otherwise as Lunatics or Imbeciles, with a Summary:—Of the Number of Persons born in *Ireland* who received with their dependent Children, *i.e.* their Children under Sixteen years of age, any Relief in *England* as Paupers either on the 1st day of January or on the 1st day of July 1877:—And, of the Number of Orphans and Deserted Children, born of *Irish* Parents, who were in receipt of Relief on the same Days, the Particulars to be presented in the following Form, and duly summarised:—

Name of Unions and Union Counties.	Number of Irish Poor in Receipt of Relief on the 1st day of January 1877.					Number of Irish Poor in Receipt of Relief on the 1st day of July 1877.				
	In Workhouses.	In District or Separate Schools or Orphanages.	In Lunatic or Imbecile Asylums, or otherwise.	As Out-door Paupers.	Total.	In Workhouses.	In District or Separate Schools or Orphanages.	In Lunatic or Imbecile Asylums, or otherwise.	As Out-door Paupers.	Total.

(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 206, of Session 1876).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Central Asia (No. 1, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting Central *Asia*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Prison Rules.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to several Addresses to Her Majesty, dated respectively the 17th day of December last, and the 14th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Prison Rules.

Prisons (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Rule made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Prisons (*Scotland*) Act, 1877, appointing a certain portion of the discontinued Prison of *Stonehaven* to be a legal Prison for the detention of Prisoners for a period not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army Purchase Commission (Appropriation Account, 1877-78.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sum granted by Parliament to defray the Charges for the Establishment of, and Expenditure incurred by, the Army Purchase Commissioners, and of the Expenses to be incurred in purchasing the remaining Commissions of Gentlemen-at-Arms, for the year ended 31st March

March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Answer to Address.

H. R. H. the Grand Duchess of Hesse (Princess Alice.)

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 16th day of December last, relative to Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of *Hesse* (Princess *Alice*), had been presented to Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address, and especially for the affectionate expression of your condolence with Me on the loss of My beloved Daughter.

It is highly gratifying to Me to feel assured of the interest which you take in everything that concerns Me and My Family, and of your loyalty to My Throne, as well as your attachment to My Person.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant February.

Orders of the Day.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to the Business of the House;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will forthwith resolve "itself into a Committee to consider the Reso-"lutions of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer on "the Business of the House," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 192.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rylands*, Mr. *Dillwyn*: } 75.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 185.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Yorke*: } 53.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to the Business of the House.

Business of the House.

Supply and Ways and Means.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, whenever the Committee of Supply or the Committee of Ways and Means stands as the first Order of the Day on a Monday, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "or the "Committee of Ways and Means."

And the Question being put, That the words "or the Committee of Ways and Means" stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, as amended, by inserting, after the word "Supply," the words "appointed for the "consideration of the ordinary Army, Navy, and "Civil Service Estimates."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, as amended, by inserting, at the end of the last Amendment, the words "excepting "Votes on Account."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Sir *Joseph McKenna*: } 69.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 143.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by inserting, after the word "Monday," the words "and the "Motion be made, That Mr. Speaker do now leave "the Chair."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 3rd day of March next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitual Drunkards Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day six months, "resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 64.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Onslow*, Sir *Charles Legard*: } 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Stacpoole*, Mr. *Errington*: } 24.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 61.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Gorman*, Mr. *Richard Power*: } 18.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 64.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Definitions).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Ancient Monuments [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses which may become payable by the Commissioners under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the better protection of Ancient Monuments.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm an Order made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to *Tollesbury* and *Mersea* in the River *Blackwater* (*Essex*): And that Mr. *John G. Talbot* and Viscount *Sandon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, with amendments, the Acts relating to Letters Patent for Inventions: And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary *Cross* and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and continue the Acts relating to Election Petitions, and to the Prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections: And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

District Auditors.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors: And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. *Salt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law as to Employers' Liability for Injuries to their Servants: And that Mr. *Macdonald*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Meldon*, Mr. *Earp*, and Mr. *Burt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Army (Forces employed in Cyprus, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Name and next Station of every *British* Regiment which has been stationed at and left *Cyprus*; the Date of its Departure, and its Total Strength on leaving the Island; also showing the Strength of the Regiment, the Total Number of Men on the Sick List, or in Hospital, on each Friday in the Ten Weeks immediately succeeding the Arrival of each Regiment at its next Station, and specifying the Number suffering from each Complaint:——And, of the Number of Officers in each Regiment sent Home on Sick Leave since leaving *Cyprus*:—

Name of Regiment - -		990th.		Number of Officers sent Home on Sick Leave since leaving *Cyprus*.
Date of leaving *Cyprus* -		1st November.		
Strength on leaving - -		750.		
Next Station - - -		*Halifax*.		
Date.	Total Number of Sick.	Number suffering from specified Complaints.	Strength of Regiment.	
Friday —th of—	30	Ague - - 5 Dysentery - 4 Rheumatism 9 Fever - 4 &c. - - 4 &c. - - 4	748	
Friday —th of—	Same Form.	Same Form.	Same Form.	

&c. &c. &c.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill to confirm an Order made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to *Tollesbury* and *Mersea* in the River *Blackwater* (*Essex*): And the same was read the first time. Bill 76.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Attorney-General presented a Bill to consolidate, with amendments, the Acts relating to Letters Bill 77.

Letters Patent for Inventions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill. Bill 78.

Mr. Attorney-General presented a Bill to amend and continue the Acts relating to Election Petitions, and to the Prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

District Auditors Bill. Bill 79.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill. Bill 80.

Mr. *Macdonald* presented a Bill to amend the Law as to Employers' Liability for Injuries to their Servants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.

A BILL for amending "The Gas Light and Coke Company Act, 1876," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Company, and for authorising them to purchase *Houghton* Gasworks, and to supply with Gas the Townships of *Houghton-le-Spring*, *Newbottle*, and *East Rainton*, in the County of *Durham*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Gas Light Company Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the *London* Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board Bill.

A Bill to extend the Powers of the *Lower Thames Valley* Main Sewerage Board, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Company, and on other Companies in connection with that Company, and on the *Sheffield* and Midland Railway Companies Committee, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

A Bill to further extend the Time for the Completion of the *Merionethshire* Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rhymney Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Rhymney* Railway Company to construct certain Railways in the County of *Glamorgan*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sleaford Water Bill.

A Bill for better supplying with Water the Town of *Sleaford*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and the adjacent District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

A Bill for authorising the Construction of the *Church Fenton*, *Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands for, and for the Construction of the *Forth* Bridge Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of *Glasgow* to construct additional Tramways in the City of *Glasgow* and its Neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

A Bill to extend the Municipal Boundaries of the City of *Glasgow*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Commissioners of the *Glasgow* Corporation Waterworks to construct additional Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Grantham Borough Bill.

A Bill for extending the Boundaries of the Municipal Borough of *Grantham*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Westgate and Birchington Gas and Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Gas and Water Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Corris Railway Bill.

A Bill to amend "The *Corris*, *Machynlleth*, and River *Dovey* Tramroad Act, 1858," and "The *Corris* Railway Act, 1864," and to confer further Powers upon the *Corris* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Knutsford* Light and Water Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways for connecting the Towns of *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Aldrington Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Aldrington* Estate Water Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

A Bill for authorising the Great Eastern Railway Company to execute additional Works; and for conferring on them further Powers in relation to their Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies; for amending their Acts in various particulars, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Ilkley* Gas Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and to supply the Electric Light, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

East Indian Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the Secretary of State in Council and the *East Indian* Railway Company to enter

enter into Contracts for the purchase of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, and for other purposes in relation to such Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

A Bill for enabling the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to acquire additional Lands for the purposes of their Undertaking; to widen, remove, and replace certain of their Bridges; and for vesting in that Company the Undertaking of the *Castleisland* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time for the completion of certain Railways and Works, and to confirm an Agreement between the Metropolitan and the Great Western Railway Companies, and to authorise Agreements with respect to the Supply of Water to Houses and Property of the Metropolitan Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies to make certain Railways for completing the Inner Circle and connecting their Railways with the East *London* Railway; also a new Street and certain Street Improvements; and to confer various Powers upon the Corporation of *London*, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and other Public Bodies, in reference to the Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *North British* Railway Company to make a Railway and Pier, and stop up a Road, in the Parish of *Cardross*, in the County of *Dumbarton*; to consolidate their ordinary Stocks; to confirm certain Agreements with respect to the Railway at *Dundee*, and the carrying of a Water Pipe across the *Tay* Bridge, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

A Bill to give to the *North British* Railway Company a joint interest with the *Caledonian* Railway Company in the *Dundee* and *Arbroath* Railway and part of the *Arbroath* and *Forfar* Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill to amalgamate the *Glasgow*, *Bothwell*, *Hamilton*, and *Coatbridge* Railway with the *North British* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

A Bill for authorising the North *Staffordshire* Railway Company to construct certain Railways and Works for the improvement of their System in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Chester*; to abandon portions of certain Railways; to appoint Directors of the *Cheadle* Railway Company; to amend the Company's Acts with respect to Tolls and Charges; to confirm certain Agreements; to provide for the Establishment of Hotels and Provident Institutions, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the *Queenstown* Gas and Light Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Navigation to raise more Money and to transfer their Undertaking to a new Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

A Bill for effecting the Sale and Transfer to the *Wombwell* Local Board of the Undertaking of the *Wombwell* and *Darfield* Gas Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

A Bill for empowering the *Birkenhead* Tramways Company to construct new Tramways and to purchase or take on Lease the Tramways of the *Hoylake* and *Birkenhead* Rail and Tramway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

A Bill to amend the Acts relating to the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

East London Railway Bill.

A Bill for empowering the East *London* Railway Company to abandon an authorised Junction with the Great Eastern Railway; and to provide Lifts in lieu thereof; and to acquire additional Lands; and to raise further Moneys; for cancelling or altering certain Agreements between the Company and the Great Eastern and *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies respectively; for conferring further rights and powers upon the Holders of the Debenture Stocks and Preference Stocks of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Gosport* Street Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

A Bill to make further provision for the Lighting of the Borough of *Liverpool*, and to extend the Powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough in relation to the Supply of Light for Public and Private purposes; and to enable the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to acquire the Undertaking of the *Liverpool* United Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

A Bill for amalgamating the *Liverpool* Tramways Company and the *Liverpool* Omnibus and Tramways Company, Limited, and for re-incorporating them under the Name of the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the *London* and North Western Railway Company in connection with their own Undertaking and upon that Company jointly with the Great Western, the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire*, and the *Furness* Railway Companies respectively, in connection with their Joint Undertakings; for the Dissolution of the *Buckinghamshire*, the *Bedford*, the *Chester* and *Holyhead*, the *Lancaster* and *Carlisle*, and the *Kendal* and *Windermere* Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

A Bill for vesting in the *London* and North Western Railway Company the Undertaking of the *Denbigh, Ruthin,* and *Corwen* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

A Bill for empowering the *London* and North Western Railway Company and that Company, and the *Furness* Railway Company jointly to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

A Bill for empowering the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Company to construct further Tramways in the Neighbourhood of *Manchester,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Midland Railway Bill.

A Bill for conferring additional Powers on the Midland Railway Company; for the Construction of Railways and other Works; the acquisition of Lands and the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

A Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Nelson,* in the County of *Lancaster,* to extend their Waterworks, and to confer upon them further Powers with respect to the Improvement and Government of their District and the raising of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Norwich Tramways Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Norwich* Street Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

A Bill for extending the Borough of *Over Darwen,* and for the Improvement of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Borough of *Portsmouth* Waterworks Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the Railways authorised by "The *Sidmouth* Railway Act, 1876," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the *Taff Vale* Railway Company to make new Railways and other Works, and to acquire additional Lands in the County of *Glamorgan,* and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

A Bill to extend the Borough of *Blackburn*; to make further Provision for its Local Government and Improvement, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Lancaster* Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the *Morecambe* Gas and Light Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill.

A Bill to extend the Limits of the Town and Urban Sanitary District of *Whitehaven*; to amend the Constitution of the Governing Body; to authorise the Construction of a Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

A Bill for amending the Acts relating to the *British* Fisheries Society; for vesting in Trustees *Pulteney* Harbour, and improving and maintaining the same, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

A Bill for vesting in the Local Board of Health for the District of *Stratford-upon-Avon* the Undertaking of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Gas Company, and the Bridge called *Clopton* Bridge; for extending the Boundaries of the Borough of *Stratford-upon-Avon,* and dividing the Borough into Wards; for dissolving the Local Board, and transferring their Powers and Property to the Corporation of the extended Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Rochester Corporation Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of *Rochester* to acquire the Undertaking of the *Strood* Waterworks Company; to construct additional Waterworks and to supply Water; to construct an Embankment and Sewerage Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Whitehaven* Union Rural Sanitary Authority to construct Waterworks for the Supply of Water to the Special Drainage District of *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* within their District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways in the Borough and District of *Saint Helens,* in the County of *Lancaster,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the West *Lancashire* Railway Company to make new and substituted Railways; to abandon Parts of their authorised Railways; to extend the Time for the Completion of other parts of those Railways; to raise further Moneys; and to confer further Powers in relation to the Undertakings of the Company, and of other Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

East Retford Water Bill.

A Bill for better supplying with Water such parts of the Parishes of *Clarborough, East Retford, West Retford,* and *Ordsall,* as are situate within the Municipal Borough of *East Retford,* in the County of *Nottingham,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

A Bill conferring additional Powers on the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

A Bill for authorising the Construction of a Railway from the *Ely* and *Lynn* Branch of the Great Eastern Railway to *Stoke Ferry,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill

New River Company Bill.

A Bill to authorise the New River Company to raise further Money, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

A Bill for authorising the General Tramways Company of *Portsmouth*, Limited, to construct additional Tramways in the Borough of *Portsmouth* and to *Cosham*, in the County of *Southampton*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Provincial Tramways Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in the Parishes of *Great Grimsby* and *Clee*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

A Bill to vest in the *Rawmarsh* Local Board the Gas Mains and Pipes within their District, now belonging to the Corporation of *Rotherham*; to enable the Local Board to supply Gas within their District, and also to supply Gas and Water within certain parts of the adjoining Township of *Greasbrough*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the making and maintaining of the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Grand Junction Water Bill.

A Bill to amend "The Grand Junction Waterworks Act, 1878," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Millwall Dock Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Millwall* Dock Company; and to authorise certain Agreements between them and other Dock Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

A Bill for extending the periods allowed to the *Caledonian* Railway Company by former Acts for the acquisition of certain Lands and the completion of certain Works; for abandoning certain of their authorised Works; for enabling them to appoint Members of the Joint Committee for the management of certain portions of the Undertaking of the *Portpatrick* Railway Company; for confirming an Agreement between them and other parties as to certain Lands and Streets at *Dundee*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Bill.

A Bill for enabling the Corporation of the Royal Burgh of *Renfrew* to borrow Money on the security of the Common Good or Property of the Burgh for the Extension and Improvement of the Harbour thereof; for repealing certain Powers of making Harbour Works at *Renfrew*, now vested in the *Glasgow* and South Western Railway Company, and re-vesting the Lands acquired for those Works in the Corporation, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

A Bill for authorising the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Warrington*, in the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Chester*, to construct additional Gasworks, and to supply Light by Electricity; and for making better provision for the Improvement and Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

A Bill for conferring Powers upon the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers of *Aire* and *Calder*, in the County of *York*; for the better Supply of Gas and the Supply of Electric Light to the Port and Town of *Goole* and neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

A Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Nottingham* to purchase *Bulwell Forest* for the purposes of a Public Park and Cemetery; to construct additional Gasworks; to acquire the Undertaking of the *Nottingham* Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Glossop Gas Bill.

A Bill to extend the District of the *Glossop* Gas Company; to enable the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Municipality and Police and Roads and Streets of the City of *Edinburgh*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Periods limited for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of, the *Dover* and *Deal* Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Alloa Railway Bill.

A Bill for making a Railway from the *South Alloa* Branch of the *Caledonian* Railway to *Alloa*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Belfast Water Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the *Belfast* Water Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Shortlands, Knockholt, and Otford Railway Bill.

A Bill for making a Railway from *Shortlands* to *Knockholt*, in the County of *Kent*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

A Bill to extend the Limits of the City of *Saint Alban*, in the County of *Hertford*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Furness Railway Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Furness* Railway Company; for the construction of Works; the acquisition of Lands, and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking; for authorising them and the Midland Railway Company to execute Works; for empowering the *Furness* Railway Company to subscribe towards the Capital of the *Cleator* and *Workington* Junction Railway Company; for transferring to the *Furness* Rail-

way Company certain Rights of the Commissioners and Trustees of the Port of *Lancaster*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend and give effect to the Provisions of "The *London, Chatham,* and *Dover* Railway (Arbitration) Act, 1869," and of "The *Crystal Palace* and *Sevenoaks* Railways Act, 1874," was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Southend Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Southend* Waterworks Company; and for conferring Powers upon them with reference to the construction and maintenance of Works, the Supply of Water, and otherwise, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Pinner Railway Bill.

A Bill for incorporating a Company for making a Railway from the *Kingsbury* and *Harrow* Railway at *Harrow-on-the-Hill* to *Pinner*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

A Bill for authorising the *Teign Valley* Railway Company to make an Extension of their Railway to *Exeter*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners Bill.

A Bill to alter the Constitution, Qualification, and Election of the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

A Bill to extend the Borough of *Blackpool*, and to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses thereof to make new Streets, Street Improvements, and other Works; to extend the Limits of Gas Supply, and to make further provision for the Improvement and Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the Railway authorised by "The *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway Acts, 1874 and 1875," was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

A Bill to provide for the transfer to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Cardiff* of the *Cardiff* Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill to provide for more intimate connection between the Undertakings of the Great Northern and the Great Eastern Railway Companies, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Great Northern Railway Company and the *Cheshire* Lines Committee, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Imperial Continental Gas Association to supply means of Lighting other than Gas, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Company with relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

A Bill for the abolition of the present *Leadenhall* Market; for the Improvement of the Site and Neighbourhood thereof; the formation of new Streets; the establishment of a new *Leadenhall* Market, and for other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Leicester*, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

A Bill for establishing a Cattle Market at *Lewes*, in *Sussex*, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and South Western and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

A Bill for authorising the *London* and South Western Railway Company and the *London, Brighton,* and South Coast Railway Company to provide and use Steam and other Vessels for Conveyance of Traffic between Places on the Coast of *Hampshire* and between those Places and the *Isle of Wight*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London Bridge Bill.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of *London* to widen *London* Bridge, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London, Brighton, and South Coast and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill to vest in the *London, Brighton,* and South Coast and the South Eastern Railway Companies certain Undertakings in *Surrey*, and to enable them to extend and vary the said Undertakings, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the *London, Brighton,* and South Coast Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North and South Woolwich Subway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time for the Completion of the North and South *Woolwich* Subway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Nottingham Water Bill.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the *Nottingham* Waterworks Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Preston Gas Bill.

A Bill to enable the *Preston* Gas Company to extend their Limits of Supply; to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

A Bill to provide for the Amalgamation of the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal Company, and the *Severn* Bridge Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Shields Gas Bill.

A Bill for the granting of further Powers to the *South Shields* Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

A Bill to enlarge the Powers of the *Stourbridge* Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

A Bill to amend "The Metropolis Management Act, 1855," and the Acts amending the same, so far as relates to the Protection of the Metropolis from Floods and Inundations caused by the Overflow of the River *Thames*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

A Bill for conferring Powers on the *Wisbech* Gas Light and Coke Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of Tramways in the Borough of *Cambridge*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

A Bill for extending the Limits within which the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Waterworks Company may supply Water; for empowering them to purchase the Undertaking of the *Durham* Water Company to construct additional Works, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

A Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Tipton*, in the County of *Stafford*, to acquire certain Lands for the purposes of their Gas Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Derby Improvement Bill.

A Bill to extend the Powers of the Corporation of the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*, with respect to the Local Government and Improvement of the Borough; to enable the Corporation to acquire the *Derby* Waterworks Company's Undertaking; to supply Electric Light, &c., and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time limited by "The *Birmingham* Waterworks Act, 1870;" for the construction of the Works by that Act authorised; and to empower the Corporation of the Borough of *Birmingham* to borrow further Moneys for the purposes of "The *Birmingham* Corporation Water Act, 1875;" and of the Waterworks of the Corporation, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of new Roads, Bridges, Approaches, and Works, in or near the City of *Norwich*; to provide for the better care and management of closed Burial Grounds in the City; to extend the Powers of the Corporation in relation to the Health and Local Government of the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the *Pemberton* Local Board in relation to the Construction of Waterworks and the Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

A Bill to confirm an Agreement between the *Halesowen* Railway Company and the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Bill.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the *Didcot*, *Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise an extension of time to the *Severn* Bridge and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Company for completing their Undertaking, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the South *Dublin* Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Company to divert portions of their authorised Line, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Walton-on-the Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of a Marine Drive, Promenade, and Sea Defences, and of Carriage Roads and a Tramway in the Parishes of *Walton-le-Soken* and *Frinton*, in the County of *Essex*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of Tramways in the Townships of *Pembroke* and *Rathmines* and *Rathgar*, in the County of *Dublin*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

A Bill to amend "The *Birmingham* Corporation Gas Act 1875," with respect to Charges for Gas at *Northfield* and *Yardley*, in the Counties of *Worcester* and *Warwick*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bromley Gas Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Bromley* Gas Consumers' Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Bath Corporation Bill.

A Bill for vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City and Borough of *Bath* the *Bath* Commons or Freemen's Estate; and to provide Compensation to the free Citizens of the same City and Borough for their interests therein; and for empowering the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to acquire by agreement and to demise and manage Lands for a Public Park, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

A Bill to enable the *Mirfield* Gas Company to extend their Limits of Supply and Powers of Lighting; to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Extension to Deep Water of the Railway of the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction Railway Company; to enable the *Cork* and *Bandon* Railway Company to purchase the Undertakings of that Company and of the West *Cork* Railway Company, and to acquire certain Rights belonging to the *Ilen Valley* Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer upon the South Eastern Railway Company further Powers with reference to their own Undertakings, and those of other Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Vide First Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered,

Army (Commissions.) No. 57.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Commissions), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Paupers (England and Ireland.) No. 58.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Paupers (*England* and *Ireland*), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Prison Rules. No. 59.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Prison Rules, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Army (Purchase Commission.) No. 60.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account, 1877-8, relative to the Army (Purchase Commission), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Emigration Statistics (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Emigration Statistics of *Ireland* for the year 1878.

Inclosure Commission.

Copy of the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Inclosure Commissioners, 1879.

Copyhold Commission.

Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Copyhold Commissioners, 1879.

Tithe Commission.

Report of the Tithe Commissioners to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 31st January 1879, for 1878.

Peace Preservation Acts (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 167, of Session 1877) for each County in *Ireland* of the portions of such County which are now exempt from the operation of any Proclamations under any of the Acts, known as the Peace Preservation Acts, stating as to each District whether it had been subject to the operation of any such Proclamations, and, if so, specifying the Nature thereof and the Date of the Proclamation or Proclamations revoking the same: ——Of the portions of each County which are now subject to any Proclamation under the provisions of the Peace Preservation (*Ireland*) Acts, specifying in each case the Date of the Proclamation or Proclamations under which such portions or Districts of the County were subjected to the operation of such Acts, and the Date of any Proclamation or Proclamations renewing the same, and the Nature of such Proclamations respectively; and specifying separately, in a Tabular Form,—

1st. The Counties or Districts of Counties in *Ireland* which are now exempt from the operation of any of the said Acts;

2nd. Those which are now subject to Proclamations under the provisions of the Peace Preservation Acts:

——Of the Date of any Proclamation issued since the 10th day of February 1877, placing any District in *Ireland* under the operation of the Peace Preservation Acts, or revoking any Proclamation previously issued, and specifying in each case the particulars of such Proclamation and the District affected by the same:——And, for each County in *Ireland*, of the portions of such County which, on the 1st day of June 1875, were subject,—

1st. To ordinary Proclamations under the Peace Preservation Acts;

2nd. To special Proclamations under Part II. of the Peace Preservation Act of 1870;

3rd. To Orders in Council passed under the provisions of the Act of 1871 for the protection of Life and Property in certain parts of *Ireland*.

Inclosures (Report.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Inclosure Commissioners on an Application for the Inclosure of *Scotton Common*, in the Parish of *Scotton*, in the County of *Lincoln*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the year ended on 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Duchy of Cornwall.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, in the year ended on the 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Cyprus.

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports made to the Admiralty on the Anchorages, &c. of the Island of *Cyprus*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Elementary Schools.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing for the past year,—

1. The Income from School Pence, Voluntary Contributions, and Rates, the Expenditure on Maintenance and the Grant paid *per* Scholar in Average Attendance in Voluntary and Board Schools in *England* and in *London*;

2. The Cost of Maintenance *per* Scholar in the Board Schools of *Birmingham*, *Bradford*, *Leeds*, *Liverpool*, *London*, *Manchester*, and *Sheffield*;

3. The Average Salaries of Teachers in Voluntary Schools, and in the Schools of the *London* and other School Boards;

4. The proportion of the Population who are on the Registers of Aided Schools and in Average Attendance throughout *England* generally and in *London*;

5. The proportion of Scholars examined in Standards 1 to 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Code in *England* and in *London*;

6. The Total Number of the Population now under Bye-laws passed by School Boards and School Attendance Committees respectively;

7. The Average Attendance and Grants paid to Public Elementary Schools in *England* in the years 1870, 1874, 1876, and 1878.

Land Titles and Transfer.

Ordered, That the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer, of Session 1878, be referred to the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:

Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Army (Soldiers for the Cape.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the 2nd 21st, 58th, 3rd 60th,-91st, and 94th as they embark for Active Service for the *Cape of Good Hope*, showing Ages, Length of Service, and Number who have not completed their Drill and Musketry Instruction; also Number drawn to complete for Service from other Regiments, in a classified Tabular Form. (For Form, *see* Votes.)

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Sir *Henry Drummond Wolff* have leave of absence for two months, employed upon the Public Service Abroad.

A Motion

Civil Service Estimates.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the Civil Service Estimates in the order in which they appear;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Mr. *Baxter*: } 95.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 158.

So it passed in the Negative.

Public Business (Half-past Twelve Rule.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, except for a Money Bill, no Order of the Day or Notice of Motion be taken after half-past Twelve of the clock at night, with respect to which Order or Notice of Motion a Notice of Opposition or Amendment shall have been printed on the Notice Paper, or if such Notice of Motion shall only have been given the next previous day of sitting, and objection shall be taken when such Notice is called;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "Bill" the words "or a Bill which has passed through Com-"mittee of the whole House."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Mundella*: } 57.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Mowbray*, Mr. Serjeant *Simon*: } 81.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, except for a Money Bill, no Order of the Day or Notice of Motion be taken after half-past Twelve of the clock at night, with respect to which Order or Notice of Motion a Notice of Opposition or Amendment shall have been printed on the Notice Paper, or if such Notice of Motion shall only have been given the next previous day of sitting, and objection shall be taken when such Notice is called.

New Standing Order.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Resolution be a Standing Order of the House;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Mowbray*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 79.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Mundella*: } 36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare Abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their Contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth the Number of Signatures to each Petition only in respect to those Signatures to which Addresses are affixed; and that such Committee have Power to direct the Printing *in extenso* of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir *Charles Forster*, Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth*, The *O'Donoghue*, Mr. *O'Conor*, Mr. *M'Lagan*, Earl *de Grey*, Viscount *Macduff*, Lord *Arthur Russell*, Mr. *H. Corry*, Mr. *Cavendish Bentinck*, Mr. *Reginald Yorke*, Sir *Charles Russell*, Viscount *Newport*, Mr. *Simonds*, and Mr. *Mulholland*.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Public Accounts.

Sir *Walter Barttelot*, Lord *Frederick Cavendish*, Mr. *Cubitt*, and Mr. *Goldney*, were nominated Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. *Hankey* be one other Member of the said Committee;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 19*th February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

A BILL for enlarging the Powers of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Light and Coke Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dearne Valley Water Bill.

A Bill to incorporate a Company for making Works and supplying Water within certain Parishes and Townships in the Valley of the *Dearne*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Second Report.

John Nolan. No. 61.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *John Nolan*, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Royal Military Academy (Woolwich, &c.) No. 62.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Royal Military Academy (*Woolwich*, &c.), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues. No. 63.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, which were presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.

Duchy of Cornwall. No. 64.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of *Cornwall*, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.

Burial Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Law Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now,'" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Burials Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Libel Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Business of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Original Question as amended, That whenever the Committee of Supply stands as the first Order of the Day on a Monday, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any question;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments [Expenses.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Ancient Monuments [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses which may become payable by the Commissioners under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the better Protection of Ancient Monuments.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed; Thaa this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

Ordered, That the further Proceeding on the Report be adjourned till To-morrow.

Jurors' Remuneration.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the payment of Jurors in Criminal Cases and on Coroners' Inquests, and for the better payment of Jurors in Civil Actions: And that Mr. *Sheridan*, Sir *Henry Jackson*, Mr. *Cowen*, Mr. *Whitwell*, Mr. *Burt*, Mr. *Wheelhouse*, and Mr. *O'Conor Power* do prepare, and bring it in.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Election of Licensing Boards in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *Fortescue Harrison*, Sir *George Balfour*, and Dr. *Cameron* do prepare, and bring it in.

East India (Public Works.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing Public Works in *India* with Money raised on Loan, both as regards financial results and the prevention of Famine.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Lord *George Hamilton*, Mr. *Fawcett*, Mr. *Balfour*, Mr. *Childers*, Mr. *Ashbury*, Sir *George Campbell*, Mr. *Onslow*, Mr. *John Cross*, Mr. *Pease*, Mr. *Hardcastle*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *Grant Duff*, Mr. *Mulholland*, Mr. *Ernest Noel*, Mr. *Agnew*, and Mr. *Edward Stanhope*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Assizes.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the holding of Assizes: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Parliamentary Reporting.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of last Session to consider the Question of Parliamentary Reporting be re-appointed:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *William Edward Forster*, Viscount *Crichton*, Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Sir *Alexander Gordon*, Mr. *Walter*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *James Barclay*, Mr. *Mills*, Sir *Henry Holland*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Cowen*, Lieut.-Colonel *Arbuthnot*, and Mr. *William Henry Smith*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Jurors' Remuneration Bill. Bill 81.

Mr. *Henry B. Sheridan* presented a Bill for the payment of Jurors in Criminal Cases and on Coroners' Inquests, and for the better payment of Jurors in Civil Actions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of April next; and to be printed.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill. Bill 82.

Mr. *Fortescue Harrison* presented a Bill for the Election of Licensing Boards in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Assizes Bill. Bill 83.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the holding of Assizes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Parliamentary Reporting.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Parliamentary Reporting in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Select Committee on Parliamentary Reporting.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 20th February, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (First Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, and 17th, days of December last, and 13th, 14th, 17th, and 18th days of this instant February, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Brighton* and *Hove* General Gas Company to construct additional Works; to provide and supply Lighting and Heating Agents other than Gas; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied

complied with in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, *viz.*:

Brentford, Isleworth, and *Twickenham* Tramways.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2).

East *Norfolk* Railway.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Manchester Corporation Water.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, to obtain a Supply of Water from the Lake *Thirlmere* in *Cumberland*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Thomas Bazley*, Mr. *Birley*, Mr. *Jacob Bright*, and Mr. *Hardcastle*.

Public Petitions.

Vide Second Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Bank of England.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending the 5th January 1879, showing what Amount of such Bills, before the making up of this Account, has been paid off, and discharged, and the Amount of such Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills, or other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1879 aforesaid.

An Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due, and not demanded, and for the Payment of Lottery Prizes or Benefits which had not been claimed, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* on the under-mentioned days, being those next before the issue from the Exchequer of Money for the Payment of Dividends on account of the National Debt, for each of the four preceding Quarters respectively.

The Annual Account of Sums received and expended by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in the year ending 31st December 1878.

High Court of Justice (Chancery Division.)

Copy of Order by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, under the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Act, 1869, determining the Salaries of Three Junior Clerks in the Chambers of the Vice-Chancellor Sir *Richard Malins*.

Railway Commission.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Cost of the Railway Commission during the Five Years it has been in existence, including Salaries of Commissioners, Clerks, Offices, Stationery, and any other Expenses incurred by such Commission, and the Number of Cases submitted to their Decision.

Science and Art Department.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Papers and Correspondence which has passed between the Science and Art Department and the Committee of Class No. 3150 relating to the Examination held on the 16th day of May 1878, together with Copy of the Memorandum made by the Department in reference to the case.

Afghanistan.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Minutes recorded by Lord *Canning* and the Members of his Council in February 1857, as to the Agreement with *Afghanistan*.

Central Asia and Quetta.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Despatches from the Governor General of *India* in Council to the Secretary of State, dated the 23rd day of January 1867, No. 15; the 8th day of February 1867, No. 28; the 23rd day of February 1867, No. 42; and the 23rd day of October 1867, No. 162, with Minutes enclosed, on Central *Asia* and *Quetta*:——And, of the Reply of the Secretary of State, dated the 26th day of December 1867.

Clare Castle Pier and Harbour.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Dues received each year by the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland* from the Authorities of the *Clare Castle* Pier and Harbour since 1843-4, when the present imperfect Pier was constructed at *Clare Castle*, County *Clare*, together with a Return of all Expenditure upon the said Pier and Harbour during the same Period.

East India (Public Works.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on *East India* (Public Works), in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Select Committee on *East India* (Public Works).

Business of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, That whenever the Committee of Supply appointed for the consideration of the ordinary Army, Navy, and Civil Service Estimates stands as the first Order of the Day on a Monday, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question; and which Amendment was, after the word "Monday," to insert the words "and the "Motion be made, That Mr. Speaker do now leave "the Chair";

Supply and Ways and Means.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate:—And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "Mon-"day," the words "in the months of June, July, "and August."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Parnell*:	68.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*:	161.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "Mon-"day," the words "provided there be not on the "Paper any Amendment relevant to the class of "Estimates about to be discussed."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;

And

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 21*st February*, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *George Bowyer*, Mr. *Chamberlain:*	57.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:*	143.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rylands*, Mr. *Yorke:*	43.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:*	121.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Prosecution of Offences Bill. The Prosecution of Offences Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Coroners Bill. The Coroners Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

District Auditors Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Auditors Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Public Works Loans Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of March next.

Burial Law Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Burial Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ancient Monuments [Expenses.] The House, according to Order, resumed the further Proceeding on the consideration of the Report which, upon the 19th day of this instant February, was made from the Committee on Ancient Monuments [Expenses]; and the Resolution then reported was again read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses which may become payable by the Commissioners under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the better protectionof Ancient Monuments.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Public Accounts. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Public Accounts, That they have power to consider whether any alteration in the Law is desirable, providing that a Statement in each case in which the Naval and Military Departments have obtained the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to any Expenditure not provided for in the Sums appropriated to such Services in the Votes contained in the Appropriation Act, setting forth the representation made to them by the respective Department, shall be laid upon the Table of the House within a limited period after such sanction shall have been given;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then Two of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 21*st February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders. MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Bridport Railway. 1. That, in the case of the *Bridport* Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Railway No. 2 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Glasgow District Tramways. 2. That, in the case of the *Glasgow* District Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramways 4, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, 5a, 6, 6a, 7, and 7a be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Hundred of Hoo Railway. 3. That, in the case of the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Leeds Corporation. 4. That, in the case of the *Leeds* Corporation Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Worksop, South Muskham, and Newark Railway. 5. That, in the case of the *Worksop*, *South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway. 6. That, in the case of the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway. The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for

for enabling the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Company to construct new or Deviation Lines of Railway; to abandon certain Portions of their authorised Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Goddard* and Lord *Charles Bruce* do prepare, and bring it in.

Glasgow District Tramways.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Glasgow* District Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in *Glasgow* and the Suburbs thereof, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Matheson* and Mr. *Robertson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Bridport Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Bridport* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Bridport* Railway Company to make new Railways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Portman* and Mr. *Ralli* do prepare, and bring it in.

Worksop, South Muskham, and Newark Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Worksop*, *South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Worksop*, *South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway Company, and authorising them to make and maintain the *Worksop*, *South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Bristowe* and Mr. *William Beckett Denison* do prepare, and bring it in.

Leeds Corporation.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Leeds* Corporation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Corporation of *Leeds* with reference to *Hunslet Moor*, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Mr. *Tennant* and Mr. *Barran* do prepare, and bring it in.

Hundred of Hoo Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making a Railway, in the County of *Kent*, to be called "The Hundred of *Hoo* Railway," and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Collins* and Mr. *Daniel Taylor* do prepare, and bring it in.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

A Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, to obtain a Supply of Water from the *Lake Thirlmere*, in *Cumberland*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Second Report.

Bank of England.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Bank of *England*, which were presented upon the 20th day of this instant February, be printed.

No. 65.

Election Petitions.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of Election Petitions tried within the United Kingdom since the dissolution of Parliament which took place next after the passing of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (31 & 32 *Vic.* c. 125); specifying, in respect of each Petition, the County or Borough to which the Petition related; the Place of Trial; the Date of Trial; and the Number of Days which it occupied.

Cattle Disease (Ireland) Acts, and Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of General Orders by the Local Government Board for *Ireland* under the Acts relating to,—

(1.) Assessment on the several Unions;
(2.) Remuneration to Medical Witnesses.

Convict's Licence.

Copy of Order of Licence to a Convict in which a special condition was inserted, made under the Statutes 16 & 17 *Vic.* c. 99, s. 9, and 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 47.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Special Pensions.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statement of the Special Pensions granted under Articles 1281 and 1329 of the Royal Warrant of 1st May 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Clerkenwell Prison (John Nolan.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report made and Evidence taken by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the Death of *John Nolan* in *Clerkenwell* Prison.

Prosecution of Offences [Salaries and Expenses.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, and of Assistants, Officers, Clerks, Messengers, and Servants, and of the expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of that Solicitor, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for more effectually providing for the Prosecution of Offences in *England*, and for other purposes;

Viscount *Sandon*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Habitual Drunkards [Salaries, Stamp Duty, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries, Remuneration, Allowances, and Expenses of the Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Retreats; also of imposing a Stamp Duty on Licences for the admission of Patients into Retreats, and for the renewal of such Licences, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the control and cure of Habitual Drunkards;

Viscount *Sandon*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leav the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, arrangements "ought to be at once made to provide that in "future, before being appointed to an independent "post, newly appointed School Inspectors should "have one year's training under an experienced "Inspector, unless they have been previously en-"gaged in the education of children for a sufficient "time to make this unnecessary," instead thereof.

School Inspectors.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The District Auditors Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Notice taken, that Forty Members were not present:—Committee counted; and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House being told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present; and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

Monday, 24th February, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways.

A PETITION of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of Street Tramways, and Compulsory User of Streets in *Brentford, Isleworth*, and *Twickenham*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2.)

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Cambridge* Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Rotherham Borough.

A Petition of the Corporation of *Rotherham*, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Borough of *Rotherham*, and to confer Powers upon the Corporation of that Borough for purchasing Lands, and constructing Works for the disposal of Sewage; also Powers in relation to Markets, and affecting the sanitary condition and local government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Starkey* and Mr. *Walter Stanhope*.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

The *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners Bill.

The *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Aldrington Water Bill.

The *Aldrington* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Alloa Railway Bill.

The *Alloa* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

The *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Bath Corporation Bill.

The *Bath* Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Belfast Water Bill.

The *Belfast* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.

The *Birmingham* Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The *Birmingham* Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of March next.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

The *Cardiff* Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

The *Church Fenton, Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

The *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of March next.

East Retford Water Bill.

The *East Retford* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

Ordered, That the *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

The *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

The *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

The *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Grand Junction Water Bill.

The Grand Junction Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Grantham Borough Bill.

The *Grantham* Borough Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

The *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

The *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

The *Lansdowne Road, Rathmines,* and *Rathgar* Tramway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

Ordered, That the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the *Leicester* Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

London Bridge Bill.

The *London* Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

The *Nelson* Local Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

The *Norwich* Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Norwich Tramways Bill.

The *Norwich* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

The *Pemberton* Local Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

The *Portsmouth, Southsea,* and *Landport,* and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

The *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Bill.

The *Renfrew* Burgh and Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rochester Corporation Bill.

The *Rochester* Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

The *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

The *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Shortlands, Knockholt, and Otford Railway Bill.

The *Shortlands, Knockholt,* and *Otford* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Sleaford Water Bill.

The *Sleaford* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

Ordered, That the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

Ordered, That the *Tipton* Local Board Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of March next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the *Warrington* Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Westgate and Birchington Gas and Water Bill.

The *Westgate* and *Birchington* Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of March next.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

Ordered, That the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Corporation of *Leeds* with reference to *Hunslet Moor,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Bridport Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *Bridport* Railway Company to make new Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

A Bill for making a Railway, in the County of *Kent,* to be called "The Hundred of *Hoo* Railway," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Glasgow District Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in *Glasgow* and the Suburbs thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

A Bill for enabling the *Swindon, Marlborough,* and *Andover* Railway Company to construct new or deviation Lines of Railway; to abandon certain portions of their authorised Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.:*

Aire and *Calder* Navigation Bill.
Birkenhead Tramways Bill.
Brewood and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill.
Brighton and *Hove* Gas Bill.
Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.
Caledonian Railway Bill.
Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.
Dover and *Deal* Railway Bill.
East Indian Railway Bill.
Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.
Great Eastern Railway Bill.
Ilkley Gas Bill.
London, Chatham, and *Dover* Railway Bill.
Merionethshire Railway Bill.
Metropolitan Railway Bill.
Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.
Mirfield Gas Bill.
North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill.
North and *South Woolwich* Subway Bill.
Nottingham Water Bill.
Preston Gas Bill.
Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and *Tunbridge* Railway Bill.
South Shields Gas Bill.
Stourbridge Gas Bill.
Taff Vale Railway Bill.
West *Lancashire* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Orders 62 and 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Orders, Nos. 62 and 63, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Weardale and *Shildon* District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Southend Water Bill.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill:

South *Essex* and *Dengie Flats* Reclamation.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Second Report.

Election Petitions.

No. 66.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Petitions, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Elementary Schools.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Elementary Schools.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Afghanistan.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to *Afghanistan*.

Central Asia and Quetta.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to *Central Asia* and *Quetta*.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Weights and Measures.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, made under the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, dated 4th February 1879,—

1. Legalizing a new Denomination of Standard of Weight, to be called the "Cental, or New Hundred weight"; and,
2. Defining the Amount of Error to be tolerated in Local Standards when verified or re-verified by the Board of Trade.

Extradition Act, 1870 (Bermuda.)

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th February 1879, declaring that the "Extradition Act, *Bermuda*, 1877," shall have effect in that Colony as if it were part of the "Extradition Act, 1870."

Slave Trade.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th December 1878, bringing under the operation of the Slave Trade Act, 1873, the Treaty or Convention for the Suppression of the Slave Trade concluded between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Highness the Khedive of *Egypt*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Charitable Funds.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Total Amount of the Capital, Stock, Shares, and Securities transferred to "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds" in the year ending the 31st day of December 1878.

Abercarne Colliery.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Owners of the *Abercarne* Colliery, in respect to the 200 Bodies that rest in the Mine.

Dinas Colliery.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Owners of the *Dinas* Colliery and the Home Office, or the Inspector of Mines for the *South Wales* District, in regard to the Appointment of a Certified Manager.

East Indian Railway Company.

No. 67.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the subscribed Capital of the *East Indian* Railway Company at the present Date, the Amount of Interest Debt on the 30th June 1878, and the Gross Traffic Receipts, Gross Working Expenses, Net Revenue, Guaranteed Interest, and Surplus Profits, for the year ended on the 30th June 1878.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army (Coals at Woolwich, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Coals purchased for the use of the Royal Arsenal, *Woolwich*, including Gun Factories and the Small Arms Factory, *Enfield*, during the year 1877, specifying the Market Names, the Number of Tons, and the Amount (including Commission, if any) paid for each Description of Coal received by each Establishment.

Business of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 20th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, That, whenever the Committee of Supply appointed for the consideration of the ordinary Army, Navy, and Civil Service Estimates stands as the first Order of the Day on a Monday, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question; and which Amendment was, after the word "Monday," to insert the words "provided "there be not on the Paper any Amendment "relevant to the Class of Estimates about to be "discussed";

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "Amendment," the words "or Notice."

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or Notice" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment to the Amendment, and the Amendment, were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "except on first "going into Committee on the ordinary Army, "Navy, or Civil Service Estimates respec-"tively."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment

Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "except an Amendment relative to the Class of Estimates which has been set down for consideration on that day be moved, in which case Mr. Speaker shall be bound to propose the Question in respect of such Amendment: Provided always, That the Member of the Government who proposes to move the Estimates upon that day may make his statement with Mr. Speaker in the Chair."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Beresford Hope*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 79.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 191.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "unless on going into Committee an Amendment be moved or Question asked relevant to the Votes to be considered on that day."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "unless an Amendment be moved relating to the Class of Estimates proposed to be taken in Supply on first going into Committee on the Army, Navy, and Civil Services respectively."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "moved," the words "or Question raised."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "unless an Amendment be moved or Question raised relating to the Class of Estimates proposed to be taken in Supply on first going into Committee on the Army, Navy, and Civil Services respectively," be added to the word "Question" in the Original Question, as amended;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, by leaving out the words "Class of."

And the Question being put, That the words "Class of" stand part of the said proposed Amendment, as amended:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, by inserting, after the words "Navy and," the words "the several Classes of the."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *Dillwyn*: } 49.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 88.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, by inserting, after the word "Services," the words "and the Classes relating to Law, Justice, Education, and Public Works in *Ireland*."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 31.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 131.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "unless an Amendment be moved or Question raised relating to the Estimates proposed to be taken in Supply, on first going into Committee on the Army, Navy, and Civil Services respectively," be added to the word "Question," in the Original Question, as amended:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "unless Notice has been given of an Amendment to be offered to the Question calling attention to any grievance arising out of the conduct of the Government or the administration of the Laws."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Major *Nolan*: } 47.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 139.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "and on Fridays Notices of Motion shall have precedence of Orders of the Day."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *O'Connor Power*, Mr. *Parnell*: } 50.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 139.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Original Question, as amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "Provided always, That when Notice of a Motion has been given which, but for this Rule, would have been moved on a Monday, the next succeeding Committee of Ways and Means shall be a first Order of the Day, and Notices applicable on going into Committee of Supply on Monday shall be transferred to going into Committee of Ways and Means."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 130.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Gorst*: } 50.

Resolved, That, whenever the Committee of Supply appointed for the consideration of the ordinary Army, Navy, and Civil Service Estimates stands as the first Order of the Day on a Monday, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, unless an Amendment be moved or

Question raised relating to the Estimates proposed to be taken in Supply on first going into Committee on the Army, Navy, and Civil Services respectively.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House be deferred till Thursday the 6th day of March next.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 25th February, 1879:

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Assizes Bill.

The Assizes Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences [Salaries and Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Prosecution of Offences [Salaries and Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, and of Assistants, Officers, Clerks, Messengers, and Servants, and of the Expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of that Solicitor, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for more effectually providing for the Prosecution of Offences in *England*, and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Habitual Drunkards [Salaries, Stamp Duty, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Habitual Drunkards [Salaries, Stamp Duty, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries, Remuneration, Allowances, and Expenses of the Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Retreats; also of imposing a Stamp Duty on Licences for the admission of Patients into Retreats, and for the renewal of such Licences, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the control and cure of Habitual Drunkards.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Habitual Drunkards Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 3 to N° 7, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9 (Persons may be admitted to retreats on their own application).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, to leave out the first word "the," in order to insert the words "by a personal interview with the applicant "unaccompanied by any other person he has satis-"fied himself that the said."

Question put, That the word "the" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *Waddy*: } 43.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Dr. *Cameron*: } 35.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11 (Power of discharge).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, after the word "retreat," to insert the words "or "of that of such person, a clear week's notice "having been given by him or her to the licensee "of the retreat."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 12 and N° 13, postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 14, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 15 and N° 16, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 17 (Permission that person detained may reside out of retreat).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 3, after the word "drunkard," to insert the words "or at the "request of such person, a clear week's notice "having been given by him or her to the licensee "of the retreat, may."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Mr. *Anderson*: } 11.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *Dalrymple*: } 58.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 18 to N° 22, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 23, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 24, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 25, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 26 and N° 27, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 28, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 29 to N° 36, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Derby Improvement Bill.

ORDERED, That the *Derby* Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

Ordered, That the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill be read a second time after the other Private Business.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

The *Tipton* Local Board Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *James*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*: } 83.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Charley*, Mr. Alderman *Cotton*: } 137.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas.

That, in the case of the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Colchester Water.

That, in the case of the *Colchester* Water Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 54 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Eastbourne Local Board.

That, in the case of the *Eastbourne* Local Board Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Liverpool Tramways.

That, in the case of the *Liverpool* Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that all Powers to construct the *Bootle* and *Waterloo* Lines, the *Great Crosby* Line, the *Sefton Park* Line, and the *Saint George's Place* Lines, be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways.)

That, in the case of the *Withington* Local Board (Improvements and Tramways) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Company to construct Tramways for the purposes of their Undertaking; to define certain Powers of the Company, and for other purposes: And that Sir *Arthur Guinness* and Mr. *Maurice Brooks* do prepare, and bring it in.

Colchester Water.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Colchester* Water Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks for the raising of Capital, and for other purposes: And that Colonel *Jervis* and Mr. *Cobbold* do prepare, and bring it in.

Eastbourne Local Board.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for empowering the Local Board for the District of *Eastbourne* to make and maintain a Seawall, or Embankment and Breakwater, a Street Improvement, a Town Hall and other Works, and to make further provisions for the Improvement of the said District, and for other purposes: And that Lord *Frederick Cavendish*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Scott*, and Mr. *Dodson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Liverpool Tramways.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Liverpool* Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the *Liverpool* Tramways Company to make new Tramways in connection with and in extension of their authorised Undertaking, and for other purposes: And that Colonel *Blackburne* and Mr. *Herschell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Withington* Local Board (Improvements and Tramways) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Withington*,

Withington to widen and improve the *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Road within their District; to widen, improve, and extend other Streets; to lay down Tramways in the said Road and elsewhere within their District; to continue the Term of the *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Roads Act, 1861; to enable the Trustees for executing that Act, to contribute towards the Cost of such Widening and Improvement, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Hardcastle* and Mr. *Holt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:—

Glossop Gas Bill.
Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.
Great Northern Railway Bill.
Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.
London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.
London and North Western Railway (*Denbigh, Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill.
London and South Western, and *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.
London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.
London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.
Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.
Midland Railway Bill.
Millwall Dock Bill.
Severn and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:—

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Second Report.

Peace Preservation Acts (Ireland.) No. 70.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Peace Preservation Acts (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.

Elementary Schools. No. 71.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Elementary Schools, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Afghanistan. No. 72.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Afghanistan*, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Central Asia and Quetta. No. 73.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Central Asia* and *Quetta*, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Charitable Funds. No. 74.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Funds, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Forres (Transit of Letters.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Number of Letters from *Forres*, and all Places North thereof, received at and passing through *Aberdeen*, for the space of Ten Days; and, of the Number of Letters from the same places to *Edinburgh* and *Glasgow* respectively during the same period.

Navy (Appropriation Account.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended 31st March 1878, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Navy Services, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1878, showing all Cases in which the Navy Department has obtained the sanction of the Treasury to Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year, together with Copies of the Representations made to the Treasury by the Board of Admiralty; also the Balance Sheet, showing the Ledger Balances on the 30th September 1878, the Date on which the Account of Naval Receipt and Expenditure for the Year 1877-78 was closed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Clerkenwell Prison (John Nolan.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant February, for a Return relative to *Clerkenwell* Prison (*John Nolan*).

Dinas Colliery.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to *Dinas* Colliery.

Cattle Inspectors.

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of December last, for a Return relative to Cattle Inspectors.

Polling Districts (Borough of Sheffield.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Town Council of the Borough of *Sheffield*, under the Ballot Act, 1872, dividing the Borough into Polling Districts for Parliamentary purposes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Diphtheria (North London.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report made by Mr. *W. H. Power* on the cause of the late Outbreak of Diphtheria in North *London*.

Idle (Back to Back Houses.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report made to the Local Government Board by Mr. *Netten Radcliffe* and Mr. *P. Gordon Smith* in reference to the Erection of Back to Back Houses in the Town of *Idle*, in the North *Brierly* Union.

Official Referees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Causes heard by the Official Referees from the 1st day of April 1877 to the 1st day of January 1879, giving—

(a.) The Names of the Parties;
(b.) The Amount claimed and recovered;
(c.) The Amount paid on account of the Referees' Services;
(d.) The Number of Hours occupied in the hearing of each Cause;
(e.) The Date of the Order of Reference; and
(f.) The Date of the Report of the Official Referee in all cases where the hearing of the Cause has been concluded (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 223, of Session 1877).

Workhouses.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns, showing,—

I. Each Workhouse in *Great Britain* in which Roman Catholic Inmates number 50 or upwards; specifying in each case:—

(a.) The Number of such Inmates;
(b.) The Amount approximately annually expended in providing Religious Ministrations for them;
(c.) How much of such Expenditure is applied as Salary to a Chaplain;
(d.) The Number of Protestant Inmates in each

each such Workhouse, and the Sum approximately annually expended in providing Religious Ministrations for them; specifying Amount of Chaplain's Salary or Salaries, if any:

——Like Return as to each Prison in *Great Britain* in which Roman Catholic Inmates number 50 and upwards:

II. Each Workhouse in *Ireland* in which Protestant Inmates number 50 and upwards; specifying in each case:—

(a.) The Number of such Inmates;

(b.) The Amount annually expended in providing Religious Ministrations for them;

(c.) How much of such Expenditure is applied as Salary to a Chaplain;

(d.) The Number of Roman Catholic Inmates in each such Workhouse, and the Sum annually expended in providing Religious Ministrations for them; specifying Amount of Chaplain's Salary or Salaries, if any:

——Like Return as to each Prison in *Ireland* in which Protestant Inmates number 50 or upwards.

Burials Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Burials Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next.

Libel Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Prenuptial Contracts Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimate.) No. 75.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of Sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1879, for Civil Services and Revenue Departments, in addition to the Sums already provided in the Estimates presented in the current Session of 1878.

War in South Africa (Vote of Credit, 1878-9.) No. 69.

Estimate of the Sum required to be voted beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1879, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

War in South Africa (Vote of Credit, 1878-9.) No. 68.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Services to which the Sum of £. 1,500,000, required for the War in *South Africa*, will probably be applicable.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2222] of February 1879).

Coolie Immigrants (Grenada.)

Copy of Papers relating to the condition of Coolie Immigrants in *Grenada*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Meeting of the House.

Resolved, That this House will meet To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Bank Deposits.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is worthy of the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, whether a moderate and discriminating scale of Stamp or Composition Duties may, with advantage to the interests of the Country and of the Banks, be hereafter applied to all interest-bearing deposits in the Banks of the United Kingdom, and whether a Bill on the subject should be introduced to Parliament at an early Date:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Water Supply.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the Supply of Water to the Manufacturing Districts of *Lancashire* and the West of *Yorkshire*, and any deficiencies likely to arise therein; and, whether it is necessary or expedient to resort to the *Westmoreland* and *Cumberland* Lakes to make good any deficiencies in such supply; and, if so, to what extent, and under what conditions, such resort should be sanctioned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House withdrawn.

Parliamentary Franchise.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill further to amend the Laws relating to the Representation of the People in *England* and *Wales*: And that Mr. *Elliot*, Mr. *Rodwell*, and Mr. Serjeant *Spinks* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Accounts.

Mr. *Hankey*, Sir *Henry Holland*, Sir *John Lubbock*, Sir *Charles Mills*, Mr. *O'Reilly*, Mr. *Seely*, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* were nominated other Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the true meaning of Section Thirty of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1875:" And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

Parliamentary Franchise Bill. Bill 84.

MR. *Elliot* presented a Bill to further amend the Laws relating to the Representation of the People in *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Dearne Valley Water Bill.

The *Dearne Valley* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

The *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c., Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

Ordered, That the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board Bill.

Ordered, That the *Lower Thames Valley* Main Sewerage Board Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of March next.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Pinner Railway Bill.

The *Pinner* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

Ordered, That the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

A Bill to extend the Borough of *Rotherham*, and to confer Powers upon the Corporation of that Borough for purchasing Lands and constructing Works for the disposal of Sewage; also Powers in relation to Markets and affecting the Sanitary condition and Local Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Local Board for the District of *Eastbourne* to make and maintain a Sea-wall or Embankment and Breakwater, a Street Improvement, a Town Hall, and other Works, and to make further provisions for the improvement of the said District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Third Report.

Navy (Appropriation Account.)

Ordered, That the Navy (Appropriation Account), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

No. 76.

Cattle Inspectors.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cattle Inspectors, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

No. 77.

Army Reserve, Militia, and Militia Reserve.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of further Regulations, &c., for the Discipline and Payment of the Army Reserve, Militia, and Militia Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bank of England.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England*, for Advances to Government, authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January 1878 to 5th January 1879, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon, and the Answers of the said Court thereto, pursuant to Act 59 *Geo.* 3, c. 76.

Consecration of Churchyards Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consecration of Churchyards Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Forsyth*: } 129.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Ernest Noel*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*: } 160.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of March next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Habitual Drunkards Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Select Vestries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Select Vestries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences [Salaries and Expenses.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Prosecution of Offences [Salaries and Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, and of Assistants, Officers, Clerks, Messengers, and Servants, and of the Expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of that Solicitor, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for more effectually providing for the Prosecution of Offences in *England*, and for other purposes.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Habitual Drunkards [Salaries, Stamp Duty, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Habitual Drunkards [Salaries, Stamp Duty, &c.], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries, Remuneration, Allowances, and Expenses of the Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Retreats; also of imposing a Stamp Duty on Licences for the admission of Patients into Retreats, and for the Renewal of such Licences, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the control and cure of Habitual Drunkards.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Medical Act, 1858: And that Mr. *Arthur Mills*, Mr. *Childers*, and Mr. *Goldney* do prepare, and bring it in.

Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Acts relating to the Hall-Marking of Gold and Silver Manufactures.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Hall-Marking of Watch-Cases:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Hall-Marking of Watch-Cases.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Hall-Marking of Watch-cases:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir *Henry Jackson*, Mr. *Eaton*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*, and Mr. *Torr* do prepare, and bring it in.

Galway Churches.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and the Bishop of *Galway* with reference to the Conduct of the Constablary Authorities, ordering the Men of the Constabulary to attend the Catholic Churches in *Galway* City or County for the purpose of taking down the Words uttered by the Clergymen from the Altar.

Poor Rates and Pauperism.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of Comparative Statement of the Number of Paupers of all Classes (except Lunatic Paupers in Asylums, and Vagrants) in receipt of Relief on the last day of each week in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 1878 and 1879 respectively: —— Of Statement of the Number of Paupers, distinguishing the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers, relieved on the 1st day of January 1879: —— Of similar Statement for the 1st day of July 1879: —— Of Statement of the Amount expended for In-maintenance and Out-relief only, for the Half-year ended at Lady Day 1879: —— Of similar Statement for the Half-year ended at Michaelmas 1879: —— And, of Statement of the Amount of Poor Rates levied and expended during the Year ended at Lady Day 1879.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

Bill 85.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to declare the true meaning of Section Thirty of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1875": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Bill 86.

Mr. *Arthur Mills* presented a Bill to amend "The Medical Act, 1858": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

Bill 87.

Sir *Henry Jackson* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Hall-Marking of Watch-Cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Second Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, and 25th days of this instant February; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway.

A Petition of the *Yarmouth* and *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works; to amalgamate the Undertakings of the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) and *Lynn* and *Fakenham* Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

The *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways) Bill.

A Bill to enable the Local Board for the District of *Withington* to widen and improve the *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Road within their District; to widen, improve, and extend other Streets; to lay down Tramways in the said Road and elsewhere within their District; to continue the Term of "The *Manchester* and *Wilmslow* Turnpike Roads Act, 1861;" to enable the Trustees for executing that Act to contribute towards the Cost of such widening and Improvement, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Colchester Water Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks; for the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

A Bill to enable the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Company to construct Tramways for the purposes of their Undertaking; to define certain Powers of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Liverpool Tramways Bill.

A Bill for enabling the *Liverpool* Tramways Company to make new Tramways in connection with and in Extension of their authorised Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Worksop, South Muskham, and Newark Railway.

The Order made upon the 21st day of this instant February, That leave be given to bring in the *Worksop, South Muskham*, and *Newark* Railway Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Petition for the said Bill be withdrawn.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:—

Yarmouth and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Third Report.

Bank of England.

No. 78.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of *England*, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed.

Afghanistan (No. 4, 1879.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Address of Major General *Roberts* to the Chiefs of *Kurram*, on the 26th December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Poor Rates and Pauperism.

Mr. *Salt* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Poor Rates and Pauperism.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Cremation.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of the Cremation Society.

Royal Hibernian Military School.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Children in the Royal *Hibernian* Military School:——Of the Number of Roman Catholics:—— Of the Number of Protestants of various Denominations:—— Of the Number of Governors constituting the Board:—— Of the Number of Roman Catholic Governors and Protestant Governors of various Denominations:——Of the Names of the various Posts of Control and Management (including inferior Posts held by Non-commissioned Officers):——And of the Religious Denominations of present Occupants of each Post, in the following form:—

Number of Children in Royal Hibernian Military School.	Number of Protestants.	Number of Roman Catholics.	Number of Protestants of various Denominations.	Names of various Posts.	Religion of Occupants.

Privilege.

Complaint being made to the House by Mr. *Henry*, Member for *Galway* County, of an article in the "*Times*" Newspaper of the 25th day of this instant February:—The said Paper was delivered in, and the article complained of read;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said article contains libellous reflections upon certain Members of this House, in breach of the Privileges of this House:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Savings Banks.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from each Savings Bank in *England* and *Wales*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, containing, in columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries, and other Allowances, if any; the Amount of Security each gives; the Number of Accounts remaining open; the Total Amount owing to Depositors; the Total Amount invested with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; the Rate of Interest paid to Depositors on the various Amounts of Deposit, and the Average Rate of Interest on all Accounts; and the Total Amount of the separate Surplus Fund, on the 20th day of November 1878; the Rate *per Centum per Annum* on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenses of Management; the Annual Number of Receipts from Depositors; the Annual Number of Payments; the Average Amount of Receipts; the Average Amount of Payments; the Number and Amount of Annuities granted; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the Year ended the 20th day of November 1878; also the Year in which Business commenced in each Bank, and the Name of the Day or Days, and the Number of Hours in the Week on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Monies; including in such Return a List of all such Savings Banks as, under the Provisions of the Act 26 *Vic.* c. 14, or otherwise, have been closed and have transferred their Funds, or any part thereof, to the Post Office Savings Bank; showing, in each case, the Number of such Banks, as well as the Number and Amount of Depositors' Accounts so transferred, and the Amount of Compensation, if any, made to all or any of the Officers of such Banks respectively; and showing also the Years in which such Banks were respectively opened and closed, and the Number and Amount of their Depositors' Balances, and the Number of Days and Hours in each Week on which the same Banks were open for Public Business at the close of the Year next preceding the Date of such closing; distinguishing the same, as in the Form of the Return, for each separate County, as well as collectively, for *England* and *Wales*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and for the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 283, of Session 1878).

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day subsequent to Supply be postponed until after the Notice of Motion for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Discipline and Regulation of the Army.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Breech-Loading Guns.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the great difference which exists between "our cannon and those which find favour with "Foreign Powers calls for careful investigation, "and that it would be unwise to further postpone "experiments on such classes of breech-loading "guns as are now possessed by other Powers," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Brigade Depôts.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the "Brigade Depôt system requires amendment, as "it is costly, unsatisfactory, and inadequate to the "requirements of Home and Foreign Service," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed

proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 2,750,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds that will become due and payable during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879.

2. £. 1,500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions,

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Discipline and Regulation of the Army;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, Mr. *William Henry Smith*, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, and the Judge Advocate General do prepare, and bring it in.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Assizes Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Assizes Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Summary Jurisdiction Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Habitual Drunkards Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 12, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 13, agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then One of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 28*th February*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways.

That, in the case of the *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 1a, and 1b, be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2.)

That in the case of the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 2) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Street Tramways and compulsory user of Streets in *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, and *Twickenham*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for other purposes: And that Lord *George Hamilton* and Mr. *Coope* do prepare, and bring it in.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2) Bill, might be read and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the *Cambridge* Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Marten* and Mr. *Smollett* do prepare, and bring it in.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for embanking and reclaiming certain Waste Land on the Western Bank of the River *Fergus*, in the County of *Clare*, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Daniel Taylor* and Mr. *Sullivan*.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 39, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Bridport Railway Bill.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

The *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Eleven Members, Six to be appointed by the House, and Five by the Committee of Selection, and that the Report of the Select Committee of 1877 be referred to the said Committee:—That all Petitions against the Bill be referred to the Committee, and that such Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitioners:—That the Committee have power to alter and modify the Bill as regards the incidence of taxation for the works proposed to be authorised by the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting after the words "Petitions "against the Bill," the words "presented on or "before the 8th day of March next."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, that the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Eleven Members, Six to be appointed by the House, and Five by the Committee of Selection, and that the Report of the Select Committee of 1877 be referred to the said Committee:—That all Petitions against the Bill presented on or before the 8th day of March next, be referred to the Committee, and that such Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitioners:—That the Committee have power to alter and modify the Bill as regards the incidence of taxation for the works proposed to be authorised by the Bill.

East Indian Railway [Annuity.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of authorising the creation of an Annuity of One Million Four hundred and Seventy-three thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of *India*, for the purpose of the Purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of *India* of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company;

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill. Bill 88.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Public Petitions. Vide Third Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Clerkenwell Prison (John Nolan.) No. 79.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Clerkenwell* Prison (*John Nolan*), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Poor Rates and Pauperism. No. 80.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Rates and Pauperism, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant February, be printed.

Education (New Code.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of New Code of Regulations, 1879, with an Appendix of New Articles, and of all Articles modified by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Education Code (Scotland.)

Copy of Code of Regulations, 1879, with an Appendix of New Articles and of all Articles modified by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in *Scotland*.

Science and Art Department.

Lord *George Hamilton* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Science and Art Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

School Board Schools (Religious Teaching.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Provision made by each School Board in *England* and *Wales* respecting Religious Teaching and Religious Observances in School Board Schools, stating Cases in which no such Provision is made; and Copy of Bye-laws by which such Provisions are regulated (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 452, of Session 1876).

Abercarne Colliery.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to *Abercarne* Colliery.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

H.M.S. "Thunderer" Committee.

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the cause of the bursting of one of the 38 ton Guns in the Turret of H.M.S. "*Thunderer*," together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 3, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of the Countries in which they reside. Part I. Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr.

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act (1861) Amendment Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Arundel Port.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Annual Report and Account of the Commissioners of *Arundel* Port for 1878.

District Auditors [Salaries, &c., Stamp Duty.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of District Auditors, and of the imposition of a Stamp Duty on Local Authorities for the purpose of contributing to the amount required for such payments; also the payment of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of any persons appointed to assist District Auditors, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy (French Law.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Statement of the *French* Law of Bankruptcy, and the Mode in which that Law is administered in *France*.

University Education (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Declaration of the Catholic Laity of *Ireland*, on the subject of University Education in that Country, lately laid before the Prime Minister.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Captain *Pim* have leave of absence for one month, on account of an accident.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire "into and report upon the operation of 'The Go-"vernment of *India* Act, 1858,' and the other Acts "amending the same," instead thereof.

Government of India Act, 1858.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:*	139.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Laing*, Mr. *Newdegate:*	100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supply [27th February] Report.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,750,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds that will become due and payable during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*.

War in South Africa (Vote of Credit.)

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise, on or before the 31st March 1879, any sum of money not exceeding £. 4,250,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. *Resolved*, That the principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of one year from the date of such Bonds.

3. *Resolved*, That the Interest of such Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, the Sum of £. 4,250,000 be granted, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Valuation Bill, providing in a Valua-"tion List a common authority for the assessment "of rates and taxes, can be satisfactory unless it "provide a common measure of value for such "assessment by levying Imperial taxes as well as "local rates upon the rateable value," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 1st March, 1879:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Assizes Bill.

The Assizes Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill do pass:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Libel Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Select Vestries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Select Vestries Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

Bill 89.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ancient Monuments Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Definitions).

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Earl *Percy*, Mr. *Macartney*: } 38.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Beresford Hope*: } 54.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Mode of applying Act to monuments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, to leave out from the word "Act" to the word "ground," in l. 24.

Question, That the words "this Act may" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, to leave out the word "is," in order to insert the word "being."

Question, That the word "is" stand part of the Clause—— put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Notices to be given to Commissioners of intended injury to a monument to which this Act has been applied).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out from the word "Commissioners," to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "for a period not "exceeding six months from the date of such appli- "cation. In case the Commissioners shall not "within six months from the date upon which this "Act shall have been applied to a monument have "agreed with the owner to purchase it, or a part "thereof, the right of the owner over such monu- "ment shall revive and continue to be the same in "all respects as if this Act had not been passed."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Beresford Hope*: } 48.

Tellers for the Noes, { Earl *Percy*, Mr. *Macartney*: } 28.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Onslow*, Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*: } 34.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Beresford Hope*: } 38.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 5 and N° 6, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 9 to N° 13, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 14, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 16, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 17 (Transfer of a monument to a local authority).

Amendments made.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill——put, and negatived.

CLAUSES, N° 18 to N° 21, agreed to.

A Clause (This Act shall not be applied to any monument or part thereof twice within the period of five years)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Schedule I.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 31, to leave out the words

"*Cæsar's* Camp | *Surrey* | *Wimbledon*."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule——put, and agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule II. agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 10th day of March next; and be printed.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act Thirty-three and Thirty-four *Victoria*, chapter Forty-two, for the abolition of Petty Customs: And that Mr. *James Barclay* and Mr. *Cowan* do prepare, and bring it in.

Army Officers (Guards and Line.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Nominal

minal Roll of all Officers (Guards and Line) who have volunteered for Service at the *Cape*, distinguishing those who have passed the Staff College;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Major *O'Gorman*, Mr. *Ingram*:	None.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*:	53.

So it passed in the Negative.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Vaccination in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

East Indian Railway Bill (Report and Resolution under Standing Order 81.)

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means reported, in pursuance of Standing Order 81, that the *East Indian* Railway Bill proposes to carry out a Memorandum of Terms between the Secretary of State in Council of *India* and the *East Indian* Railway Company for the Purchase of the Undertaking of the Company:—and the said Memorandum of Terms, and a Clause of the Bill enabling the Company to make certain Contracts with the said Secretary of State, and the Resolution to be proposed in relation thereto, are annexed to the said Report.

Ordered, That the said Report and Documents do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

Bill 90.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Vaccination in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

Bill 91.

Mr. *James Barclay* presented a Bill to amend the Act Thirty-three and Thirty-four *Victoria*, chapter Forty-two, for the Abolition of Petty Customs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

The Order for taking into further consideration upon Thursday next, the proposed Resolutions relative to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the proposed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 20th day of March next.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 12th day of this instant March, the Licensing Boards (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Monday next, the Habitual Drunkards Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Three of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 3rd March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

ORDERED, That the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

The *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

The *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

The *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

The *Caledonian* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

The *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the *East Indian* Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow District Tramways Bill.

The *Glasgow* District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Glossop Gas Bill.

The *Glossop* Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Ilkley* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The *Leeds* Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

The *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh*, *Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and South Western and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The *London* and South Western, and *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London, Brighton, and South Coast and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The *London, Brighton,* and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

The *London, Brighton,* and South Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

The *London, Chatham,* and *Dover* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

The *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

The *Merionethshire* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

The Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Midland Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Midland Railway Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Millwall Dock Bill.

The *Millwall* Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Mirfield* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

North and South Woolwich Subway Bill.

The North and South *Woolwich* Subway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Nottingham Water Bill.

The *Nottingham* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Preston Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Preston* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway Bill.

The *Sevenoaks, Maidstone,* and *Tunbridge* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Southend Water Bill.

The *Southend* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *South Shields* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

The *Taff Vale* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

The *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

The West *Lancashire* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Wisbech* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

The *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Warrington* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

A Bill for embanking and reclaiming certain Waste Land on the Western Bank of the River *Fergus,* in the County of *Clare,* was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of Tramways in the County of *Middlesex,* and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2) Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the *Cambridge* Tramways Company, and for empowering them to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.:*

Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill.
Colchester Water Bill.
Corris Railway Bill.
Cranbrook and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill.
Halesowen Railway Bill.
Manchester, Sheffield, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill.
Plymouth and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill.

Severn

Severn Bridge and Forest of *Dean* Central Railway Bill.
South *Dublin* Railway Bill.
Swindon, Marlborough, and *Andover* Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order, No. 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading therof, *viz.:*
Lewes Cattle Market Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Third Report.
Dinas Colliery. No. 81.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Dinas* Colliery, which was presented upon the 25th day of February last, be printed.

Abercarne Colliery. No. 82.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Abercarne* Colliery, which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders.) No. 83.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders), which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

Treasury Chest.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1877 and the 31st March 1878, and of the Liabilities and Assets of the Treasury Chest on the latter day, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Shoreham Harbour.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report and Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of all Moneys which have been received and paid up to the 1st day of July 1878, by the Commissioners of *Shoreham* Harbour and the *Shoreham* Harbour Trustees, acting respectively under "The New *Shoreham* Harbour Act, 1816," and "The New *Shoreham* Harbour Act, 1876."

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Monday next, the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 11th day of this instant March.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bell* have leave of absence till the end of March, on urgent private affairs.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable "that the paragraphs numbered 86, 87, and 88 of "Clause 124 of the Army Circular of 1st Septem-"ber 1877, and Clause 92 of the Army Circular of "1st May 1878, should be modified," instead thereof.

Army Circulars (1877 and 1878.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House having regard to the "response made by the men of the First Class "Army Reserve when called out last year, is of "opinion that that force should be increased by at "least 10,000 men during the present year, with "a view to a reduction of the Army Estimates," instead thereof.

Army Reserve.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 135,625, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland,* at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Tuesday, 4th March, 1879:

Question put, and agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,598,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Exchequer Bonds.

1. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise, on or before the 31st March 1879, any sum of Money not exceeding £.4,250,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds.
2. That the principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of one year from the date of such Bonds.
3. That the interest of such Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

Consolidated Fund.

4. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, the sum of £.4,250,000, be granted, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.
The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered,

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the First Three Resolutions: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Fourth Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

District Auditors [Salaries, &c., Stamp Duty.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on District Auditors [Salaries, &c., Stamp Duty].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of District Auditors, and of the imposition of a Stamp Duty on Local Authorities for the purpose of contributing to the amount required for such payments; also the payment of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of any persons appointed to assist District Auditors, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

The Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 13th day of March next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Notice taken, that Forty Members were not present; Committee counted, and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair:—And the House being told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members not being present; and it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

A PETITION of the *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill to empower the said Company to exercise their borrowing Powers by Instalments, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

The *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rhymney Railway Bill.

The Order, made upon the 18th day of February last, That the *Rhymney* Railway Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Bromley Gas Bill.

Didcot, Newbury, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

New River Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Vide Third Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

British Museum.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British* Museum being offered to be presented;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the *British* Museum consist of Thirty thousand pounds Three *per cent.* Reduced Bank Annuities, the annual dividend whereof amounts to Nine hundred pounds; of

of a Bequest of the late Earl of *Bridgewater*, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and twenty-five pounds; and also of a Bequest of the late Lord *Farnborough*, the annual proceeds of which amount to Eighty-six pounds three shillings and fivepence; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an Expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned Sums, and the Trust cannot, with benefit to the Public, be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge, as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

School Board Schools (Religious Teaching.)

No. 84.

Ordered, That the Return relative to School Board Schools (Religious Teaching), which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

Treasury Chest.

No. 85.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Treasury Chest, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Ecclesiastical Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-first Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Soane's Museum.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir *John Soane*, on the 5th January 1879.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

Bill 92.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to raise a Sum by Exchequer Bonds for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy-nine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy-nine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Household Suffrage (Counties.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be desirable to establish throughout the whole of the United Kingdom a Household Franchise similar to that now established in the *English* Boroughs;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to "reopen the Question of Parliamentary Reform at "the present time," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Trevelyan*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 226.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 291.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to reopen the Question of Parliamentary "Reform at the present time," be added to the word "That" in the Original Question;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "at the present time."

And the Question being put, That the words "at the present time" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to "reopen the Question of Parliamentary Reform" be added to the word "That" in the Original Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to reopen the Question of Parliamentary Reform.

Public Accounts.

Resolved, That it is desirable that a Statement of every case in which the Naval and Military Departments have obtained the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the application of an actual or anticipated surplus on one Vote to meet a deficiency on another Vote within the financial year, setting forth the representation made to them by the respective Department, be laid upon the Table of the House within three weeks after such sanction shall have been given, if Parliament be then sitting; or, if Parliament be not then sitting, within three weeks after the next meeting of Parliament.

South Africa (Expenditure.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns for each of the years ending the 31st day of March 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879, of the Amount expended out of National Funds for Military purposes in *Natal*, the *Transvaal*, the *Cape of Good Hope*, and generally in *South Africa*:——And, of the Amounts received in aid of the National Funds as Contributions for *South Africa* during each of the said years, either out of the Produce of Lands sold, any annexed Territory, or from any other source whatever.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provision for the Registration of Deaths, Marriages, and Births occurring out of the United Kingdom among Officers and Soldiers of Her Majesty's Forces and their Families: And that Colonel *Loyd Lindsay*, Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, and Lord *Eustace Cecil* do prepare, and bring it in.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the User and Regulation of certain Lands at *Wormwood Scrubs*: And that Colonel *Loyd Lindsay*, Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, and Lord *Eustace Cecil* do prepare, and bring it in.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Act, 1863," and the Acts amending the same: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. *James Lowther* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,

Libel.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Law in relation to Libels in Newspapers and Journals, and as to the mode of proving the Publication of such Libels, and the means of rendering the Proprietors and Publishers of Newspapers and Journals responsible civilly and criminally for the Libels contained therein; with power to make any proposals for the alteration of the Law with regard to the above matters, or any of them.

Army (Brigade of Guards.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the various Items or parts of Items in the Army Estimates for 1879-80 in which the Stock Purse Fund Allowance of £. 158. 5*s*. 6*d*. *per* Company to the Brigade of Guards is distributed.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better Provision for the Education of Blind and Deaf-Mute Children: And that Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*, Mr. *Scott*, Mr. *Isaac*, and Mr. *Benjamin Williams* do prepare, and bring it in.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East Indian Railway [Annuity.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East Indian* Railway (Annuity).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the creation of an Annuity of One Million Four Hundred and Seventy-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of *India*, for the purpose of the purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of *India* of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to enable the Secretary of State in Council and the *East Indian* Railway Company to enter into Contracts for the purchase of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, and for other purposes in relation to such Company.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Libel Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Supply [3rd March] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Land Forces.

That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 135,625, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

District Auditors [Salaries, &c., Stamp Duty.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on District Auditors [Salaries, &c., Stamp Duty], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of District Auditors, and of the imposition of a Stamp Duty on Local Authorities for the purpose of contributing to the Amount required for such payments; also the payment of Salaries, Remuneration, and Expenses of any Persons appointed to assist District Auditors, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill. Bill 93.

Mr. *Wheelhouse* presented a Bill to make better Provision for the Education of Blind and Deaf-Mute Children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill. Bill 94.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Act, 1863," and the Acts amending the same: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill. Bill 95.

Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* presented a Bill to make further Provision for the Registration of Deaths, Marriages, and Births occurring out of the United Kingdom among Officers and Soldiers of Her Majesty's Forces and their Families: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill. Bill 96.

Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* presented a Bill to provide for the User and Regulation of certain Lands at *Wormwood Scrubs*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Bridport Railway Bill.

THE *Bridport* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

The *Portsmouth* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

The *Rotherham* Borough Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourth Report.

Science and Art Department. No. 86.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Science and Art Department, which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

East India (Council Bills.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, week by week, from 1875 to 1878 inclusive, the Amount of Council Bills advertised, the Amount allotted to *Calcutta, Bombay,* and *Madras* respectively, and the Rate at which they were allotted.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 13th day of March next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver) do consist of Twenty Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Bates,* Colonel *Blackburne,* Mr. *Campbell-Bannerman,* Mr. *Courtney,* Mr. *Orr Ewing,* Mr. *Freshfield,* Mr. *Goschen,* Mr. *Hamond,* Mr. *Hankey,* Sir *Joseph M'Kenna,* Sir *Andrew Lusk,* Mr. *Muntz,* Sir *Patrick O'Brien,* Mr. *Onslow,* Mr. *Puleston,* Sir *Charles Russell,* Mr. *John G. Talbot,* Mr. *Torr,* Mr. *Whitwell,* and Sir *Henry Jackson*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 6th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways.

A PETITION of Persons, whose signatures are thereunto affixed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in and near *Ramsgate, Margate,* and other Places in the County of *Kent,* and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Deedes.*

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourth Report.

Navy (Vote of Credit, 1877–8.) No. 87.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statement showing the Details of the Expenditure for Naval purposes out of the Vote of Credit granted in aid of additional Naval and Military Expenditure during the year 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Magistrates (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Name of the Resident Magistrate in each Station in *Ireland*; the Name of each Place within such Station in which a Petty Sessions Court is held, and its Distance from his Residence; the Number of Times each Petty Sessions Court has been held during the last Three Years; and the Number of Attendances of the Resident Magistrate thereat.

Royal Hibernian Military School.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for Returns relative to the Royal *Hibernian* Military School.

Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Intermediate Education Board for *Ireland,* under the "Intermediate Education (*Ireland*) Act, 1878," with respect to the Examinations in 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Egypt (No. 1, 1879) (Daira Lands.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of December last, for a Return relative to *Egypt* (*Daira* Lands).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Consolidated Fund. No. 88.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account, showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, in the Financial Year ended on 31st March 1878, for the Interest and Management of the Public Funded and Unfunded Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the Financial Year, for Services charged directly on the said Fund; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Copy of Treasury Warrant authorising payment of Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the War Office on Retirement.

Superannuations.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, awarding Special Retired Allowances to,—

Jeremiah Lyons, Established Special Labourer, Royal *Victoria* Yard;

John Brown, Established Skilled Labourer, *Devonport* Yard;

dated 3rd March 1879.

Army (Appropriation Account.)

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also, Statement

Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Army Services, for the year ended 31st March 1878, showing all cases in which the War Office has obtained the sanction of the Treasury to Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year, together with Copies of the Representations made to the Treasury by that Department, pursuant to Act 40 & 41 *Vic.* c. 61, s. 3; and a Balance Sheet, showing the Ledger Balances on the 30th September 1878, the Date on which the Account of Army Receipt and Expenditure for the year 1877-78 was closed, prepared in conformity with the directions of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, contained in Letter dated 7th November 1864.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Account relative to the Consolidated Fund be printed.

Army (Staff College.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of December last, for Returns relative to the Army (Staff College).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of the—

1. Names,
2. Nominal Capital,
3. Paid-up Capital, and
4. Number of Shareholders, of the—
   - I. Limited and
   - II. Unlimited Banks;
   - III. Unlimited Insurance Companies, (a.) Mutual, and (b.) having a Share Capital; and,
   - IV. Miscellaneous Unlimited Companies, (a.) Mutual, and (b.) having a Share Capital, which have been registered under the Companies Acts, 1862-67 and 1877, and are believed to be still in existence.

Diphtheria (North London.)

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Return relative to Diphtheria (North *London*).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act (Oxford.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of *Oxford* on 5th March 1878 under the provisions of 25 & 26 *Vic.* c. 26, relating to the *Denyer* and *Johnson* Scholarships in Theology.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions (Third Report.)

Sir *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 26th, 27th, and 28th days of February last, and upon the 3rd and 4th days of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Weighing Machines.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence relative to a proposal for the establishment of Public Weighing Machines for the verification of Weights of Small Parcels.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

Ordered, That the Relief of Insane Poor Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Banking Laws Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Journal.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index to the 134th Volume, be printed.

Ordered, That 750 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir *Thomas Erskine May*, the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such Person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other Person do presume to print the same.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House it is desirable "that the Royal Gardens at *Kew* should be opened "to the public at 10 a.m. on week days, with such "reservations as may be found expedient," instead thereof.

Kew Gardens.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	196.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Trevor Lawrence*, Mr. *Thomas Cave*:	94.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 3,771 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament.
2. £. 8,417 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings; for providing the necessary Supply of Water; for Rents of Houses hired for the temporary accommodation of Public Departments, and Charges attendant thereon.
3. £. 400 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments.
4. £. 724, for outstanding Charges connected with the Erection of new Offices, &c. for the Home and Colonial Departments and the Local Government Board.
5. £. 650 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Maintenance and Repair of the *British* Museum Buildings, for Rents of Premises, supply of Water, Fuel, &c. and other Charges attendant thereon.
6. £. 12,800 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Erection of a Natural History Museum.
7. £. 1,900 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for maintaining certain Harbours, &c. under the Board of Trade.
8. £. 3,500 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel.
9. £. 2,300 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Home Department.
10. £. 3,350 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Department

ment of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

11. £. 925 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

12. £. 327 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Commissioners in Lunacy in *England*.

13. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 33,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for Stationery, Binding, Printing, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 23,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for Stationery, Binding, Printing, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

14. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 206, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 15, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

15. £. 390 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*.

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16. £. 560 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Office of Public Works in *Ireland*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 6,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Law Officers; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Queen's Proctor for Divorce Interventions; the Costs of Prosecutions, including those relating to the Coin, and to Bankruptcy, and of other Legal Proceedings conducted by those Departments; and various other Legal Expenses, including Statute Law Revision, and Parliamentary Agency.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline an Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Disicipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bil

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

The Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Horse races unlawful within ten miles of *London* unless licensed).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the

the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Callan*, Major *O'Gorman*: } 2.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Anderson*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 63.

Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill——put, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 3 to N° 7, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Artizans Dwellings Acts.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from the Commissioners of Sewers, from the Metropolitan Board of Works, and from such Urban Sanitary Authorities as have received Official Representations under "The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875," of the Number of Official Representations made to them since the passing of the Act up to the 31st day of December 1878; of the Number, Size, and Locality of the Areas to which they relate; of the Number, Size, and Locality of the Areas regarding which Resolutions (under Section 3) have been passed, or for which Improvement Schemes have been made; of the Stage which each Improvement Scheme has reached; and of any Moneys borrowed for the purposes of the Act, with a Column in addition of Estimated Cost as required by the Act; also giving the Date of each Official Representation, and of each Improvement Scheme:——Copy of any Official Correspondence which has taken place between the Confirming Authority and any Local Authority during 1878, in cases where Resolutions have been passed, but no Improvement Scheme has been persevered with:——Similar Return from *Ireland*:——And, similar Return from *Scotland* under "The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1875."

Commons.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. *Stephen Cave* be a Member of the Select Committee on Commons;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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PRAYERS.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Lower Thames Valley* Main Sewerage Board Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Gorst*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*: } 146.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Isaac*, Mr. Serjeant *Spinks*: } 168.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Midland Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in and near *Ramsgate*, *Margate*, and other places, in the County of *Kent*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order, No. 62, complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

East *London* Railway Bill.

North British and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill.

North British Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourth Report.

Mail Contracts (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Correspondence respecting the Contract, dated the 7th day of February 1879, for the Conveyance of Mails, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Registrars' Fees (Middlesex.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Registrars' Fees (*Middlesex*), which was presented upon the 12th day of December last, be printed.

Ordered, No. 89.

Royal Hibernian Military School. No. 90.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Royal *Hibernian* Military School, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

Army Appropriation Account. No. 91.

Ordered, That the Army Appropriation Account, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

Education (Scotland.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth and concluding Report of the Board of Education for *Scotland* to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Privy Council on Education in *Scotland*.

Extradition Acts (Switzerland.)

Lord *George Hamilton* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1879, applying the Extradition Acts of 1870 and 1873 to the Treaty with *Switzerland* of 31st March 1874, and the Two subsequent Conventions of 19th June and 13th December 1878, prolonging the duration of the Treaty.

Public Worship Regulation Act.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 22nd February 1879, approving Amended Rules and Orders for settling Procedure and Fees under the Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Papers respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of C. 2242 of 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Afghanistan.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of Major General *Roberts* on the Operations in the *Khost Valley* in January 1879.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Electoral Disabilities (Women.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is injurious "to the best interests of the country that women "who are entitled to vote in municipal, parochial, "and School Board elections, when possessed of "the statutory qualifications, should be disabled "from voting in Parliamentary elections, although "possessed of the statutory qualifications; and "that it is expedient that this disability should be "forthwith repealed," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowland Winn:* Vicount *Crichton*,	217.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Courtney*, Sir *Charles Legard:*	103.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a Second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, A Bill to apply the Sum of Four million Two hundred and Fifty thousand Pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the Year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-nine.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply [6th March] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Houses of Parliament Buildings (Supplementary.)

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 3,771, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament.

Public Buildings (Supplementary.)

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 8,417, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings; for providing the necessary supply of Water; for Rents of Houses hired for the temporary Accommodation of Public Departments, and Charges attendant thereon.

Public Departments (Furniture) (Supplementary.)

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments.

Home and Colonial Departments and Local Government Board (New Offices.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 724, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for outstanding Charges connected with the Erection of new Offices, &c., for the Home and Colonial Departments and the Local Government Board.

British Museum Buildings (Supplementary.)

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 650, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Maintenance and Repair of the *British* Museum Buildings, for Rents of Premises, supply of Water, Fuel, &c., and other Charges attendant thereon.

Natural History Museum (Supplementary.)

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 12,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Erection of a Natural History Museum.

Harbours, &c. (Supplementary.)

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 1,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for maintaining certain Harbours, &c. under the Board of Trade.

Treasury (Supplementary.)

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel.

Home Office (Supplementary.)

9. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 2,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

Foreign Office (Supplementary.)

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 3,350, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Colonial Office (Supplementary.)

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 925, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Lunacy Commissioners (Supplementary.)

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 327, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in *England*.

Stationery Office (Supplementary.)

13. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 33,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for Stationery, Binding, Printing, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Household (Supplementary.)

14. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 206, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses.

Chief Secretary for Ireland, Offices.

15. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 390, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

Public Works (Ireland) (Supplementary.)

16. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 560, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in *Ireland*.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Select Vestries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of February last, That the Select Vestries Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Habitual Drunkards Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relief of Insane Poor Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Poor Removal.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the existing Laws in the United Kingdom relating to the settlement and irremovability of Paupers, with special reference to the case of Removals to *Ireland*, and with power to make any proposals for the alteration, repeal, or assimilation of such Laws; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower Parliamentary Burghs in *Scotland* to become Members of the Convention of Royal Burghs: And that Mr. *Cowan*, Mr. *M'Laren*, Mr. *Trevelyan*, and Mr. *John Holms* do prepare, and bring it in.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. *Cowan* accordingly presented a Bill to empower Parliamentary Burghs in *Scotland* to become Members of the Convention of Royal Burghs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Bill 97.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 10th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Fourth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th, 6th, and 7th days of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

The Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the *Brentford, Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bromley Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Bromley* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Colchester Water Bill.

The *Colchester* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Corris Railway Bill.

The *Corris* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

The *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Bill.

The *Didcot, Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

The *Halesowen* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

The *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

The *Manchester, Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

New River Company Bill.

The *New River* Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

The *Severn* Bridge and Forest of *Dean* Central Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

The South *Dublin* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

The *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

The *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East Indian* Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Ilkley* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Liverpool Lighting Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mirfield* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Preston* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Warrington* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill.

The *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wisbech* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Withington Local Board (Improvements and Tramways) Bill.

The Order, made upon the 27th day of February last, That the *Withington* Local Board (Improvements and Tramways) Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.
Lancaster Gas Bill.
South Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, To-morrow.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next, the Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fifth Report.

Church Estates Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Twenty-eighth Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, with an Appendix, for the year preceding 1st March 1879.

Explosions (Halkyn Mine.)

Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the Circumstances attending an Explosion of Dynamite which occurred at the Deep Level Mine, at *Halkyn*, near *Holywell*, on the 9th January 1879, by Major *A. Ford*, R.A., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives.

Galway Churches.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of February last, for a Return relative to *Galway* Churches.

Inclosure Commission (Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Twelfth Annual Report of the Inclosure Commissioners to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated the 28th February 1879, under the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869.

Inclosures (Special Report.)

Special Report by the Inclosure Commissioners, upon the Application for the Regulation of part, and the Inclosure of the Residue of *East Stainmore Common*, in the Parish of *Brough*, in the County of *Westmorland*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Greenwich Hospital, &c. (Maintenance of Boys.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing in detail the Annual Cost of maintaining Boys in the undermentioned Schools, *viz.*: *Greenwich* Hospital School; Duke of *York*'s School, *Chelsea*; and Royal *Hibernian* Military School, *Dublin*:——And, of the Annual Cost of maintaining Boys in the Training Ships of the Royal Navy.

Army (Brigade of Guards.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Army (Brigade of Guards).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Lords of the Council, dated 10th February 1879, revoking so much of Article 13 of the Foreign Animals Order as exempts Cattle from the United States of *America* from Slaughter or Quarantine.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Weighing Machines.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Public Weighing Machines.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Poor Relief and Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return (1.) with respect to each Union-County in *England* and *Wales*, of the Population in 1871, the Cost of In-maintenance and Out-door Relief during the Parochial Year 1876–77, and the Rate *per* Head on Population of such Cost, together with the Expense of maintaining Lunatics in Asylums and Licensed Houses at the charge of the Poor's Rate; also, (2.) with regard to the Friendly Societies of *England* and *Wales*, the Number thereof, the Number of Members, Ratio of Members per 1,000 of Population in each County-proper during the year 1877; the whole of

of the Information to be tabulated according to the subjoined Form:—

(1.) As to Poor Relief in 1877.

Union-County.	Population in 1871.	Cost of In-Maintenance.	Cost of Out-Door Relief.	Total Cost.	Rate per Head on Population.	Cost of Pauper Lunatics in Asylums and Licensed Houses.
		£.	£.	£.	s. d.	£.
England:—						
Bedford - - -						
Berks - - -						
Bucks - - -						
&c. &c. &c.						
Wales:—						
Anglesey - - -						
Brecon - - -						
&c. &c. &c.						
England and Wales - -						

(2.) As to Friendly Societies in 1877.

County Proper.	Population in 1871.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Ratio of Members per 1,000 of Population.
England:—				
Bedfordshire - - -				
Berkshire - - - -				
Buckinghamshire - -				
&c. &c. &c. -				
Wales:—				
Anglesey - - - -				
Brecon - - - -				
&c. &c. &c. -				
England and Wales - - -				

Somerset (Eastern Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Eastern Division of the County of *Somerset*, in the room of Major *Ralph Shuttleworth Allen*, who, since his Election for the said Division of the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of *Northstead*, in the County of *York*.

Endowed Schools.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from all Schools having an Endowment of more than £. 500 a year, of the Number of Scholars in Regular Attendance, and the Number of Hours of Study *per* Week, placed under the following Heads:—

1. Classics and Ancient History.	2. English and English History.	3. Other Modern Languages and History.	4. Natural Science.	5. Arithmetic and Mathematics.	6. Geography.

Public Works Loans.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all General or Special Acts under which Loans are authorised to be granted by Public Works Loan Commissioners or by Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, showing the Purposes for which such Loans are required, the Rates of Interest authorised to be charged, and the Periods within which they may be made repayable, with any Special Conditions affecting such Loans respectively.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Navy (Promotion and Retirement.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the present and progressively increasing "stagnation of promotion in the Royal Navy is "injurious to the public service, and that the "present system of retirement has failed to secure "a sufficient amount of promotion, and ought to "be extended," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 58,800 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, including 13,000 Royal Marines;

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Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,708,695, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. to Seamen and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

The Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to raise the Sum of Four Million Two hundred and Fifty thousand pounds, by Exchequer Bonds, for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy-nine.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

East Indian Railway [Annuity.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on *East Indian* Railway [Annuity], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the creation of an Annuity of One Million Four Hundred and Seventy-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be charged on and payable out the Revenues of *India*, for the purpose of the Purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of *India* of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to enable the Secretary of State in Council, and the *East Indian* Railway Company to enter into Contracts for the Purchase of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, and for other purposes in relation to such Company.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill, That they have Power to made Provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill.

The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 7th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Clare County Writ.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of last Session, to inquire whether Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*, Member for the County of *Clare*, has, since his Election, accepted an Office or Place of Profit under or from the Crown, and that they be directed to report their opinion whether he has vacated his Seat by the acceptance of the said Office, be re-appointed:—Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. *James Lowther*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. *Spencer Walpole*, Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *William Edward Forster*, Sir *William Harcourt*, and Mr. *Whitbread* were nominated Members of the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. *Butt* be one other Member of the Committee:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Adam* were nominated other Members of the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 11*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

East Norfolk Railway.

1. That, in the case of the East *Norfolk* Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway.

2. That, in the case of the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

3. That, in the case of the *Nelson* Local Board Bill, Petition of Messrs. *Tahourdins*, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 129, in the case of the Petition of Messrs. *Towneley*, *Parker*, *Holden*, and *Briggs*, against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

4. That, in the case of the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords*.]

5. That, in the case of the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*.]

6. That, in the case of the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Sub-section A of Clause 7 be struck out of the Bill, and that provision be inserted in the Bill prohibiting the Company in altering any Bridges under the Powers conferred by Clauses 6 and 8 from increasing the gradients of any Road carried by such Bridges over the Railway; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill,

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 2) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant March.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

The *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The *Liverpool* Lighting Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be appointed by the House and Three by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have power to inquire whether it is desirable to authorise any Schemes for lighting by Electricity or other improved methods; to consider how far and under what conditions, if at all, the use of such modes of lighting should be sanctioned by Parliament in the case of Municipal Corporations, other Local Authorities, or Public Companies, and to report their opinion to the House; and that such of the Petitioners against the Bill as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions if presented on or before the 17th day of this instant March, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum.

Glasgow District Tramways Bill.

The Order, made upon the 3rd day of this instant March, That the *Glasgow* District Tramways Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

East Norfolk Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the East *Norfolk* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the East *Norfolk* Railway Company to make certain Deviations in the line of their *Aylsham* Extension Railway, to extend that Railway to the *Dereham*, *Fakenham* and *Wells* Railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes: And that Lord *Claud Hamilton*, Mr. *Colman*, and Colonel *Makins* do prepare, and bring it in.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works, to amalgamate the Undertakings of the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) and *Lynn* and *Fakenham* Railway Companies, and for other purposes: And that Sir *Edmund Lacon* and Mr. *Birkbeck* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fifth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Elementary Schools.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Elementary Schools,—

1. The Total Cost *per* Child in *London* School Board Schools, defrayed by Rates, inclusive of Interest on Loans for Buildings and Expenses of School Board Office and Staff other than the Teaching Staff;
2. The Total Cost *per* Child in *London* Voluntary Schools defrayed by Voluntary Subscriptions.

Inclosure Commission (Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869.)

No. 92.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Inclosure Commission (Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Public Weighing Machines.

No. 93.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Weighing Machines, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Harbour, &c. Bills.

No. 94.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade upon the *Alloa* Railway Bill.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

University Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of February last, for a Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Churches (City of London.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Churches in the City of *London* pulled down or now condemned under "The Union of Benefices Act, 1860;" stating how much has been realised by the Sale of the Site; what new Churches have been built out of the proceeds in lieu of the Churches pulled down; their Situation and Cost; and what has been done with the Parochial Endowments:—

Name and Situation of Church pulled down or condemned.	Money realised by the Sale of the Site.	Church or Churches erected out of the proceeds—their Situation and Cost.	What has been done with the Parochial Endowments.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licences.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, inasmuch as the ancient and avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licences should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected—namely, the inhabitants themselves—who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the first word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it would be most undesirable and "inopportune to change the arrangements now "legislatively provided for the regulation of the "trade carried on by the Licensed Victuallers of "this Country, because any tribunal subject to "periodical election by popular canvas and vote "might, and in all probability would, lead to re-"peated instances of turmoil, and thus be detri-"mental to the peace and quietude of every "neighbourhood in *England*," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 12*th March*, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*, Mr. *Birley*: } 164.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Mr. *Isaac*: } 252.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "it

"it would be most undesirable and inopportune to change the arrangements now legislatively provided for the regulation of the trade carried on by the Licensed Victuallers of this Country, because any tribunal subject to periodical election by popular canvas and vote might, and in all probability would, lead to repeated instances of turmoil, and thus be detrimental to the peace and quietude of every neighbourhood in *England*," be added, instead thereof:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the word "That" in the Original Question, the words "it is unde-"sirable for this House to commit itself to legis-"lation on the subject of licensing till the Select "Committee of the House of Lords on Intem-"perance have published their final Report."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Puleston*:	121.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*, Mr. *O'Reilly*:	169.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, after the word "That" in the Original Question, the words "in the "opinion of this House, among the conditions pre-"scribed by Law for the granting of new Licences "for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, it should "be expressly provided that the licensing autho-"rity shall take into consideration the population "and the number of existing licences in the dis-"trict, and shall find as a fact, upon sworn evi-"dence, that new licences are required for the "necessary convenience of the public."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

Co-operative Stores.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Constitution and Operations of certain Trading Societies, trading under the Name of Co-operative Stores, and to ascertain whether they are exempted from Taxes and Imposts to which the Trading Community are liable.

London School Board (Training Ship "Shaftesbury.")

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Tabulated Return containing the following Particulars relative to the Training Ship "*Shaftesbury*," now belonging to the *London* School Board, *viz.*:—

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
The Cost of the Hull.	Cost of Machinery (if any) and that of the Tanks.	Cost of the Sails, Rigging, and Masts, as well as that of the Boats.	Cost of the Moorings.	Cost of fitting up Cabins, Workshops, Schoolrooms, &c.	Cost of Furniture, Bedding, and Clothing, distinguishing the Cost of that supplied to the Staff from that for the use of Boys.	Cost of the Tender.	Total Amount expended for Purchase of Ship and Tender, and all Charges in connection therewith (including previous items) and the Establishment on Shore).	Number of Officers at present engaged (say on 8th March 1879).	Number of Boys under Training (say on 8th March 1879).	Statement of Contracts entered into, with a short description of such Contracts, and the Amount of them; and, further, which of such Contracts (if any) were let by public competition after Newspaper Advertisement.	Weekly Cost per Head for Maintenance of Boys, with all Charges, such as Salaries and Maintenance of Officers, &c.

And, like particulars, in similar Form, with regard to the "*Exmouth*" Training Ship.

Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance.

The House was moved, That the Resolution which, upon the 4th day of this instant March, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and then agreed to by the House, might be read, and the same being read, as followeth:

That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 135,625, all Ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's *Indian* Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the Forty-first and Forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Ten, intituled, "An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters": And that Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, the Judge Advocate, and Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* do prepare, and bring it in.

Clare County Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* be added to the Select Committee on the *Clare* County Writ.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of April next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant March.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Habitual Drunkards Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Apprehension of habitual drunkard escaping from retreat), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, at beginning of line 9, by leaving out the word "the," and inserting the words "by a personal interview with the applicant, "unaccompanied by any other person, they have "satisfied themselves that the said," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "the" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 10, by inserting, after the word "retreat," the words "and was of sound "mind."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 20th day of this instant March.

Supply [10th March] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Sea and Coast Guard Services.

1. That 58,800 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, including 13,000 Royal Marines.

Wages, &c. (Seamen and Marines.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,708,695, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. to Seamen and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the Forty-first and Forty-second years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Eleven, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore": And that Mr. *William Henry Smith*, Mr. *Algernon Egerton*, and Sir *Massey Lopes* do prepare, and bring it in.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Transmission to Registrar of registers of births, deaths, and marriages of Army kept in pursuance of Her Majesty's Regulations).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that any Regulation "proposed to be made under the authority of this "Act shall first be submitted for the approval of "the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and "Marriages in *England*, with a view to securing "that such Regulations are in conformity with "existing Acts of Parliament on the subject."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 3 to N° 5, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill. Bill 98.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented a Bill to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the Forty-first and Forty-second years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Eleven, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Mutiny Acts (Temporary) Continuance Bill. Bill 99.

Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* presented a Bill to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the Forty-first and Forty-second years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Ten, intituled, "An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 12*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

East London Railway Bill.

THE East *London* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

The *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

The *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee, Arbroath*, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

The *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

The *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The *East Indian* Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Three by the Committee of Selection.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the East *Norfolk* Railway Company to make certain Deviations in the Line of their *Aylsham* Extension Railway; to extend that Railway to the *Dereham, Fakenham*, and *Wells* Railway of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Liverpool Tramways Bill.

The Order, made upon the 27th day of February last, That the *Liverpool* Tramways Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fifth Report.

Army (Brigade of Guards.) No. 95.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Brigade of Guards), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Abercarne Colliery Explosion Inquest.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Report of the Commissioners sent

sent down by the Government to watch the *Abercarne* Inquest:——And, of the Evidence given before the Coroner.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday the 26th day of this instant March.

Clerical Disabilities Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clerical Disabilities Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Goldney*, Mr. *Hibbert*: } 66.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Beresford Hope*, Mr. Serjeant *Spinks*: } 135.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant March.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relief of Insane Poor Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Habitual Drunkards Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill.

The Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, and to make provision for the better Local Administration of Justice: And that Mr. *Cowen*, Mr. *Ripley*, Mr. *Eustace Smith*, and Mr. *Rowley Hill* do prepare, and bring it in.

Income Tax.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons charged to the Income Tax, for the years ending on the 5th day of April 1873 to 1878, under Schedules D and E, in

E, in the same Classes, and up to the same Amounts as stated in, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 397, of Session 1873.

Commons.

Mr. *Spencer Walpole*, Mr. *Leveson Gower*, Sir *Walter Barttelot*, Mr. *Fawcett*, Mr. *Pell*, and Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*, were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Commons.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Public Accounts (First Report.) No. 96.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts have power to report their Observations thereupon, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, from time to time, to the House.

Lord *Frederick Cavendish* reported from the said Committee; That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill. Bill 100.

Mr. *Cowen* presented a Bill to amend and extend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, and to make provision for the better Local Administration of Justice: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Public Works Loans Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant March.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Valuation of Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant March, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 13*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Fifth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th, 11th, and 12th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London Tramways

A Petition of the *London* Tramways Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *London* Tramways Company (Limited) to construct additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Young* and Mr. *Mundella*.

South London Tramways.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making Tramways in the County of *Surrey*, to be called "The South *London* Tramways," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir *Henry Peek* and Mr. *Grantham*.

London Street Tramways.

A Petition of the *London* Street Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *London* Street Tramways Company to construct additional Tramways, to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works; to amalgamate the Undertakings of the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) and *Lynn* and *Fakenham* Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

Lord *Lindsay*, Mr. *Adam*, Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth*, and Mr. *Walter Stanhope*, were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. *Goldney* be a Member of the Select Committee on the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Alexander Brown*, Sir *Baldwyn Leighton*, Sir *Charles Dilke*, Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, and Lord *Robert Montagu* were nominated other Members of the Committee.

Private Bills (Standing Order, No. 62, complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

Thames and *Severn* Canal Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:

London Street Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions. Vide Sixth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Civil Services (Excesses, 1877–8.) No. 97.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—A Statement of Sums required to be voted in order to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Germany (No. 1, 1879) (Marriage of the Duke of Connaught.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty between Her Majesty and the *German* Emperor, King of *Prussia*, for the Marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of *Connaught* with H.R.H. the Princess *Louise Margaret* of *Prussia*, signed at *Berlin*, February 26th, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lunacy.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by

by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return made to the Lord Chancellor by the Visitors of Lunatics, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the said Visitors between the 1st day of January and the 30th day of June 1878 (both inclusive); between the 1st day of July and the 31st day of December 1878 (both inclusive):——And, of all Sums received by the said Visitors for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, for the year 1878.

Coals, Cinders, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Quantities of Coal, Cinders, and Patent Fuel shipped at the several Ports of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, Coastways, to other Ports of the United Kingdom, in the year 1878:——Of the Quantities and Declared Value of Coals, Cinders, and Patent Fuel exported from the several Ports of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* to Foreign Countries and the *British* Settlements Abroad in the year 1878, distinguishing the Countries to which the same were sent:——Of the Quantities of Coal, Cinders, and Patent Fuel exported from the United Kingdom in the year 1878:——Of the Quantities of Coals and Patent Fuel brought Coastways, by Inland Navigation, and by Railway, into the Port of *London* during the year 1878:——And, of the Quantities of Coals and Patent Fuel received Coastways at the various Ports of the United Kingdom.

Copper, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Exports and Imports of Copper and Copper Ore, Tin and Tin Ore, Lead and Lead Ore, Spelter, and Zinc for Twelve Months to the 31st day of December 1878 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 365, of Session 1878).

New Sinking Fund.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amount of Debt paid off by the New Sinking Fund in each of the Financial years 1875-6, 1876-7, 1877-8, and the Total Amount so paid off in the Three Years; also showing the Total Amount of the National Debt (Funded, inclusive of Unclaimed Stock and Dividends, Unfunded, and Capital Value of Terminable Annuities) on the 1st day of April 1875, and on the 31st day of March 1878, and the Increase (or Decrease) of such Total Amount between those Dates; also stating, as nearly as may be, the Amount of Debt to be paid off by the New Sinking Fund in 1878-9, and the Net Increase (or Decrease) of the Total Amount of the National Debt in that year.

Civil Service Estimates (Grants in Aid of Local Rates.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return (in the Form of Return, No. 175, of Session 1876), for *England* and *Wales*, for *Scotland*, and for *Ireland*, showing the Grants in Aid of Local Taxation and Charges transferred from Local to Imperial Funds for which Provision is made in the Estimates for 1879-80; the corresponding Provisions for the year 1878-9, under "The Appropriation Act, 1878," and by subsequent Supplementary Estimate, if any, up to the Date of Return, and the Payments made from the Exchequer, in Aid or in Substitution of Local Rates or Charges in each of the years 1872-3, 1873-4, 1874-5, 1875-6, 1876-7, and 1877-8; distinguishing where a Grant or Charge, or any portion of a Grant or Charge, has been transferred from one Class of Estimate to another, or from one Vote to another, or any new or additional Charge has been made, and the Amount of the Addition:——General Summary of the Three Returns showing the Total Amount of the Payments or Provisions made in each of the above years:——And, Return showing the Payments or Provisions made in each of the above years for Salaries of Stipendiary Magistrates, Expenses of their Courts, Salaries of their Clerks in *London*, and in *Ireland*, distinguishing the Amounts charged on the Consolidated Fund, and provided out of Parliamentary Votes.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

Assizes Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Assizes Bill, without any Amendment.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

City Guilds.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the sale of the Parliamentary Franchise "by the City Guilds with the consent of the Court "of Aldermen, is an abuse and should be abolished," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 153.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *James*, Mr. *Herschell*: } 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 14*th March*, 1879:

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Teachers Organisation and Registration.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Organisation and Registration of Teachers engaged in Intermediate Education in *England* and *Wales*: And that Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Mr. *Mills*, Sir *John Lubbock*, and Lord *Francis Hervey* do prepare, and bring it in.

Teachers Organisation and Registration Bill. Bill 101.

Dr. *Lyon Playfair* accordingly presented a Bill for the Organisation and Registration of Teachers engaged in Intermediate Education in *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next; and to be printed.

Railway Agents, &c. (Memorial.) No. 98.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorial of the Railway Agents, Carmen, Carriers, and Contractors Protection Association to the Board of Trade, praying that the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill and the Midland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill may not be allowed to pass into Law unless Clauses 33 and 20 respectively be omitted therefrom, together with Correspondence connected therewith.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 14*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

South Essex and Dengie Flats Reclamation Bill [*Lords*.]

1. That, in the case of the South *Essex* and *Dengie Flats* Reclamation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Belfast Water Bill.

2. That, in the case of the *Belfast* Water Bill, Petition of Messrs. *L'Estrange* and *Brett*, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 129, in the case of the Petition of Owners and Occupiers in *Belfast*, Sir *John Preston* and others, against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

A Petition of Promoters of the Bill thereinafter-mentioned, praying that provision may be made in the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill, for enabling the Petitioners to enter into an Agreement with the Corporation of *Saint Helens* to construct Tramways in *Church Street* and *Raven Street*, and between *Westfield Street* and *Cotham Street*, in the Borough of *Saint Helens*, and to make other Amendments and additions to the Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Church Fenton, Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made a verbal Amendment therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time,

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Brentford, Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;——

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable

Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Act, 1879.
2. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1879.
3. Spring Assizes Act, 1879.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have power to inquire and report as to the expediency of authorising the said Company from time to time to purchase by agreement, or take on lease, or otherwise provide, and to establish and hold booking and receiving offices and other premises for the collection, reception, and booking and delivery of goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over their Railway, and to collect, receive, book, and invoice any such goods, parcels, and other matters and things; and to make and carry into effect any such contracts or agreements with any other Railway Company or Companies with regard to the collection, reception, booking, or invoicing of any goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over the Railways of the respective Companies so contracting, or any or either of them.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Midland Railway Bill.

The Midland Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Select Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have power to inquire and report as to the expediency of authorising the said Company from time to time to purchase by agreement or take on lease, or otherwise provide, and to establish and hold booking and receiving offices and other premises for the collection, reception, and booking and delivery of goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over their Railway, and to collect, receive, book, and invoice any such goods, parcels, and other matters and things; and to make and carry into effect any such contracts or agreements with any other Railway Company or Companies with regard to the collection, reception, booking, or invoicing of any goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over the Railways of the respective Companies so contracting, or any or either of them.

London Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *London* Tramways Company (Limited) to construct additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South London Tramways Bill.

A Bill for making Tramways in the County of *Surrey*, to be called "The South *London* Tramways," and for other purposes, was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time.

Birmingham (Corporation) Gas Bill (1875.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Birmingham* (Corporation) Gas Bill, in Session 1875, be referred to the Committee on the *Birmingham* Gas Bill.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixth Report.

Diphtheria (North London.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Diphtheria (North *London*), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

No. 99.

Afghanistan.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to *Afghanistan*.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Railway Passenger Duty.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the respective Amounts paid in the year ending the 31st day of December 1878 in respect of Railway Passenger Duty by the several Railway Companies in *Great Britain*.

Land Registry.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Titles, Transfers, Mortgages, and Cautions Registered, or of Applications pending for Registration, from the Date of the Return ordered on the 1st day of February 1878, to the present time, and in continuation of said Return.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Ordnance Corps.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her "Majesty, praying Her Majesty to be pleased to "order the issue of a Royal Commission to in-"quire into, and to report whether any and what "alterations of the Military system now in force "are desirable, as regards the Pay, Promotion, "Employment, and Conditions of Service and "Retirement of the Officers of the Ordnance "Corps," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	68.
Tellers for the Noes,	Colonel *Arbuthnot*, Colonel *Beaumont*:	69.

So it passed in the Negative.

And

And the Question being put, That the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to be pleased to order the issue of a Royal Commission to inquire into, and to report whether any and what alterations of the Military system now in force are desirable, as regards the Pay, Promotion, Employment, and Conditions of Service, and Retirement of the Officers of the Ordnance Corps," be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to be pleased to order the issue of a Royal Commission to inquire into and to report whether any and what alterations of the Military system now in force are desirable, as regards the Pay, Promotion, Employment, and Conditions of Service, and Retirement of the Officers of the Ordnance Corps.

Ordnance Corps.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

District Auditors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Auditors Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House, accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day six months, "resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 15*th March*, 1879:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 22nd day of April next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Companies Acts Amendment.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relative to Companies, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Acts of 1862, 1867, and 1877.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House,

House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Acts of 1862, 1867, and 1877:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir *John Lubbock*, Mr. *Coope*, Mr. *Herschell*, and Sir *Charles Mills* do prepare, and bring it in.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill. Bill 102.

Sir *John Lubbock* accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Companies Acts of 1862, 1867, and 1877: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 17*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

THE *Forth* Bridge Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Lancaster* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant March.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

The *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant March.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways and other Works in *Southwark, Deptford*, and other Places in the Counties of *Surrey* and *Kent*, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. *Grantham* and Mr. *Rodwell*.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

East *Norfolk* Railway Bill.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixth Report.

Afghanistan. No. 100.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Afghanistan*, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant March, be printed.

East India (Council Bills.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to *East India* (Council Bills).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Levantine Plague.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Modern History and recent Progress of *Levantine* Plague, prepared from time to time by direction of the President of the Local Government Board, with other Papers.

Marriages, Births, and Deaths (England.)

Table of the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in *England* in the year 1878.

Cremation.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to Cremation.

Abercarne Colliery Explosion Inquest.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for Returns relative to *Abercarne* Colliery Explosion Inquest.

Medical Councils.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, and of the Branch Councils for *England, Scotland*, and *Ireland*; and Apportionment of the Amounts payable to the General Council by Branch Councils; also, Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Registration Fund of the General Medical Council, for the year ending 5th January 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mail Contracts (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Mail Contracts (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company).

War between Russia and Turkey (Vote of Credit, 1877-8.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Vote of Credit for Expenses incurred in increasing the Efficiency of the Naval and Military Services at the Crisis of the War between *Russia* and *Turkey*, for the year ended March 31st, 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Veterinary Department.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Veterinary Department of the Privy Council Office for the year 1878, with an Appendix.

Cattle Disease (United States of America.)

Copy of Correspondence connected with the detection of Pleuro-Pneumonia among Cattle from the United States of *America*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping Act, 1876 (Vessels Detained.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of all Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, in pursuance of the provisions of 39 & 40 *Vic.* c. 80, ss. 6 and 13, from 1st July to 31st December 1878; giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; together with a Summary, showing the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained

as

as unsafe since the commencement of the Act, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper C. 2120).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House.

The Order for taking into further consideration, upon Thursday next, the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the proposed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 24th day of April next.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Berlin Treaty.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Despatch from Lord *Salisbury* to Lord *A. Loftus*, dated the 26th day of January.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

City of London School Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Corporation of the City of *London* to appropriate certain Lands facing the *Victoria Embankment* in the said City, for the purpose of providing School Buildings and accommodation for the City of *London* School; for the removal of the said School to such Buildings; for the sale of the Lands and Buildings now occupied by the said School, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

City of London School Bill [*Lords.*]

The City of *London* School Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licensed Houses.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, for the years ending on the 31st day of December 1877 and the 31st day of December 1878 respectively, of the Total Number of Houses licensed for the sale of Liquors to be consumed on the Premises (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 435, of Session 1877).

Gold and Silver (Hall Marking.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Gold and Silver (Hall Marking) in Session 1878 be referred to the Select Committee on Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver).

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Original Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,598,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,588,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item Sub-head C., for Regimental Pay, of £. 4,390,000, be reduced by £. 10,000;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Patrick O'Brien*, Major *O'Beirne*: } 5.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 120.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item Sub-head C., for Regimental Pay, of £. 4,390,000, be reduced by £. 1,000:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,591,722, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Tuesday, 18*th March*, 1879:

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,591,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *Parnell*: } 7.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 148.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 50,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Divine Service, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. £. 33,100, for Rewards for Distinguished Services, &c.

3. £. 98,000, for the Pay of General Officers.

4. £. 918,100, for Retired Full Pay, Half-Pay, Pensions, and Gratuities, including Payments allowed by Army Purchase Commissioners.

5. £. 121,500, for Widows' Pensions, &c.

6. £. 16,800, for Pensions for Wounds.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 35,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals (In-Pensions), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 14.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 96.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Commitee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

District Auditors Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the District Auditors Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

The Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Employers' Liability.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Employers for Injuries sustained by their Servants: And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Land Drainage Act, 1861," relating to *Bispham*, *Carleton*, and *Thornton* Improvements, situated in the Parishes of *Bispham* and *Poulton*, in the County of *Lancaster*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Criminal Indictments.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Persons tried upon Indictment before all the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in *England* and *Wales* in each of the last Six Years, 1873 to 1878, inclusive:——And, of the Number of Cases heard in each of those years before the Court for the consideration of Crown Cases Reserved, distinguishing in such last-mentioned cases those in which the question arose upon the Interpretation of the Law, and those upon which the question arose upon the Application of the Law to the Facts.

Employers' Liability Bill. Bill 103.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Employers for Injuries sustained by their Servants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.) Bill. Bill 104.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Land Drainage Act, 1861," relating to *Bispham*, *Carleton*, and *Thornton* Improvements, situated in the Parishes of *Bispham* and *Poulton*, in the County of *Lancaster*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 18*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

London Street Tramways.

That, in the case of the *London* Street Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that all the Powers to construct Tramways except Tramways Nos. 1 and 1a be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

London Street Tramways.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *London* Street Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the *London* Street Tramways Company to construct additional Tramways, to raise further Money, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Young* and Mr. *Puleston* do prepare, and bring it in.

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

The *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

The *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways and other Works in *Southwark*, *Deptford*, and other Places in the Counties of *Surrey* and *Kent*, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill do consist of Twelve Members.

Ordered, That Sir *Trevor Lawrence* and Mr. *Maurice Brooks* be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That Lord *Robert Montagu* be discharged from attendance on the Committee.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

British Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Group D.)

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, there being no further Business ready for their consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Nottingham Water Bill.

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Nottingham* Water Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Tipton* Local Board Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital relating to the *Birmingham* Gas Act of 1875; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group D.)

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the *Birmingham* Gas Bill had stated that the Evidence of *William Evans* and *Henry William Elliott* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *William Evans* and *Henry William Elliott* do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *William Evans* and *Henry William Elliott* do attend the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Public Petitions

Vide Sixth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Cremation. No. 101.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cremation, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

Abercarne Colliery Explosion Inquest. No. 102.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Abercarne* Colliery Explosion Inquest, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mail Contracts (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.) No. 103.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mail Contracts (Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

War between Russia and Turkey (Vote of Credit, 1877-8.) No. 104.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account relative to the War between *Russia* and *Turkey* (Vote of Credit, 1877-8), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

Berlin Treaty (Turkey, No. 1, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the *Berlin* Treaty.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [c. 2252] of March 1879).

Colonial Possessions.

Copy of Papers relating to Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, for 1877 (in continuation of [c. 2149] of 1878).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Idle (Back to Back Houses.)

Mr. *Salt* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Return relative to *Idle* (Back to Back Houses).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Prison Commissioners.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Magistrates, the Court of Quarter Sessions, and other Authorities in the Borough and County of *Brecon*, and the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Prison Commissioners, on the subject of the Discontinuance of the County Prison:——And, of all Reports made to the Commissioners of Prisons by the Inspectors of Prisons and other Officials, and of all Reports made to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by the Prison Commissioners since the 25th day of March 1877, on the subject of this Prison.

Wine Duties.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the System under which Customs Duties are now levied in this Country on Wine, and into its results, fiscal and commercial:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Specie and Paper Currency.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, a free Circulation of Specie Currency, together with a full and adequate Circulation of Paper Currency, convertible into Specie on demand, is essential and necessary for the promotion and development of Manufactures, Commerce, and Trade.

Post Office (West India Mail Contract.)

Resolved, That the Contract entered into with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of Mails to and from the *West Indies* be approved.

County Boards.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish County Boards in *England*;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 19*th March*, 1879:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Select Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction Bill was nominated of Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. *Dodson*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland*, Mr. *Watkin Williams*, Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *Woodd*, Mr. *Paget*, Mr. *Courtauld*, Mr. *Walter Stanhope*, Colonel *Colthurst*, Mr. *Floyer*, Mr. *Walter*, Mr. *Rodwell*, and Sir *Colman Rashleigh*.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Coroners Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Coroners Bill do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland*, Mr. *Ashley*, Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*, Mr. *Goldney*, Mr. *Herschell*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Hicks*, Mr. *Law*, Sir *Trevor Lawrence*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Sir *Julian Goldsmid*, Sir *Patrick O'Brien*, Mr. *Pell*, Sir *Matthew Ridley*, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Benjamin Williams*, and Mr. *Yorke*.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licences.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That, inasmuch as the ancient and avowed object of licensing the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licences should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected—namely, the inhabitants themselves—who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken in consideration this day.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members; Four to be nominated by the House, and Three by the Committee of Selection.

Supply [17th March] Report.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Pay and Allowances (Land Forces at Home and Abroad.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,598,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of *India*), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Rewards for Distinguished Services, &c.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 33,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Rewards for Distinguished Services, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Pay of General Officers.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 98,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay of General Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Retired Full Pay, Half Pay, &c.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 918,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired Full Pay, Half Pay Pensions, and Gratuities, including Payments allowed by Army Purchase Commissioners, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Widows' Pensions, &c.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 121,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Widows' Pensions, &c., which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Pensions for Wounds.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 16,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Pensions for Wounds, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

County Boards Bill.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented a Bill to establish County Boards in *England*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Bill 105.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 19*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

The Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill was read a second time; and committed.

South London Tramways Bill.

The South *London* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Lord *George Hamilton*, Mr. *Fawcett*, Mr. *Hubbard*, and Mr. *Campbell-Bannerman* were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixth Report.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (1879-80.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on account is required for the year ending 31st March 1880.

No. 105.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (1879-80, and 1878-79, &c.)

Copy of Memorandum in explanation of the Variations between the Amounts of the several Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for 1879-80 and 1878-79 (*per* Appropriation Act, 1878), respectively, to which is added—

No. 106.

A Comparison between the Original Estimates for 1874-75, as prepared by the late Administration, and the Original Estimates for 1879-80.

Ordered, That the said Estimate and Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

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Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "inasmuch as the Law of Hypothec is the "equivalent in *Scotland* of the *English* and *Irish* "Law of Distress, and inasmuch as many other "examples of preferential security over property "being given in certain circumstances to particular "creditors are to be found in the commercial Law "of this and other Nations, this subject, if dealt "with at all by Parliament, should be considered "as a whole, and not be treated locally and ex-"ceptionally as in the present Bill; and in dealing "with this subject due consideration should be "given to the fact that the preferential security "for payment of rent which landlords have from "time immemorial enjoyed at Common Law, re-"gulated by Statute, has, to the great advantage "of the Nation, enabled many industrious and "enterprising men of small means to obtain farms "and rise in the world, which otherwise they "could not have done," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Vans Agnew*, Sir *George Douglas*: } 204.

Tellers for the Noes, { Lord *Elcho*, Mr. *Baillie Cochrane*: } 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relief of Insane Poor Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

District Auditors Bill.

The District Auditors Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

1. *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, the Sum of £. 73,220 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £. 8,494,195 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Charles Lewis* have leave of absence for eight weeks, on account of urgent private affairs.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Disposition of Property held upon Trust or as a Security for Money: And that Mr. *Osborne Morgan*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Alfred Marten*, and Sir *Henry Jackson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867": And that Dr. *Cameron*, Sir *Windham Anstruther*, Mr. *M'Laren*, Mr. *Vans Agnew*, and Mr. *Mackintosh* do prepare, and bring it in.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment.

The House was moved, That the Licensing Act (1872), might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act:

Act:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Licensing Act, 1872."

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Licensing Act, 1872,":—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Rodwell*, Mr. Serjeant *Simon*, Mr. *Arthur Mills*, Mr. *Leatham*, Mr. *Mark Stewart*, and Sir *Charles Forster* do prepare, and bring it in.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill. Bill 106.

Mr. *Osborne Morgan* presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Disposition of Property held upon Trust or as a Security for Money: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill. Bill 107.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to amend "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill. Bill 108.

Mr. *Rodwell* presented a Bill to amend "The Licensing Act, 1872": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Grand Junction Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the Grand Junction Water Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

New River Company Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *New River* Company Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the recitals to make them consistent with the facts of the case which were proved before them, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Alloa Railway Bill.

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the *Alloa* Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and also amended the same by striking out so much of one of the recitals as relates to the expediency of empowering the *North British* Railway Company to enter into Agreements with the Company, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Bill had stated that the Evidence of *Thomas Jarrow Gordon* and *Alexander Gray Simson*, of *Carfin Hall, Holytown*, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *Thomas Jarrow Gordon* and *Alexander Gray Simson* do attend the said Committee on Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *Thomas Jarrow Gordon* and *Alexander Gray Simson* do attend the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills on Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Aldrington Water Bill.

Mr. *Assheton* reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Aldrington* Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Official Statistics. No. 107.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the First Report of the Official Statistics Committee, and of a Report thereon from the Commissioners of Customs to the Lords of the Treasury.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Harbour, &c. Bills. No. 94.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade upon the *Rochester* Corporation Bill.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 20th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

THE Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

London Street Tramways Bill.

A Bill to authorise the *London* Street Tramways Company to construct additional Tramways; to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Glasgow and Bothwell Railway Bill (1872), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the *Glasgow* and *Bothwell* Railway Bill, in Session 1872, the *North British* Railway (*Addingstone*, &c. Branches) Bill, in Session 1873, the *Caledonian* Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, in Session 1873, the *Glasgow, Bothwell, Hamilton*, and *Coatbridge* Railway Bill, in Session 1874, and the *Caledonian* Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, in Session 1876, be referred to the Committee on the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of *Glasgow*, praying that provision may be made in the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c. Bill, to enable

enable the Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of *Glasgow*, acting as the *Glasgow* Police Commissioners, to borrow further Money for the better carrying into effect the Powers of the *Glasgow* Police Act, 1866, for providing Baths, Washhouses, and Drying Grounds, and to enable them to discharge the obligation laid on them by "The *Glasgow* and South Western Railway Act, 1878" (Section 8, Subsection 10), with reference to the Street thereby authorised to be constructed, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Private Bills [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, *viz.*:—

Accountants Institute.
Ardmillan Reclamation.
Athenry and *Ennis* Junction and Midland Great Western Railways.
Ayr Harbour.
Ballymena and *Larne* Railway.
Ballymena and *Portglenone* Railway.
Bann Navigation.
Belfast Central Railway.
Bristol Port Railway and Pier.
Burnt Fen First District.
Cancer Hospital.
Chester Cemetery.
Christchurch, Newgate Street (*London*) Tithes.
City of *Glasgow* Bank.
City of *London* School.
Colwyn Bay and *Pwllycrochon* Estate.
Cornwall Minerals Railway.
Dublin Port and Docks Board.
Dublin (South) City Market.
Dudley Sewage.
Dun Drainage.
East and *West India* Dock Company.
East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway.
Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
Enniskillen and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways.
Frieston Shore (Estuary of the *Wash*) Reclamation.
Girvan and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway.
Glasgow Bridges.
Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church.
Grand Junction Canal (Branch Canal to *Slough*).
Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company.
Hampstead Vestry.
Lancashire County Justices.
Letterkenny Railway.
Llandisilio Improvement Commissioners.
Llandudno Improvement.
London (City) Tithes Commutation.
London General Omnibus Company.
Maryport District and Harbour.
Monmouthshire Railway and Canal.
Neath and *Brecon* Railway.
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society.
Rathfarnham and *Terenure* Township.
Rathkeale and *Newcastle* Junction Railway.
Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.
Sharpness New Docks, and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company.
Thurles and *Nenagh* Direct Railway.
Treferig Valley Railway.
Tring Poor's Land.
Upper Mersey Navigation.
Vestry of *Saint Pancras*.
Waterford Improvement.
West *Donegal* Railway.
West *Kent* Main Sewerage.
Weymouth and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge.
Whitby Harbour and Port.

And that they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following instances, *viz.*:

Croesor and *Portmadoc* Railway.
Felixstowe Railway and Pier.
Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*).
South *Essex* and *Dengie Flats* Reclamation.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Yarmouth and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Morecambe Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventh Report.

University Education (Ireland.) No. 108.

Ordered, That the Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant March, be printed.

Turkey (No. 2, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the *European* Commissions appointed for the Demarcation of Frontiers under the Treaty of *Berlin*.

Cyprus (No. 1, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Island of *Cyprus*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Contagious Diseases (Animals) (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return in pursuance of Section 59 of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, *Ireland*, setting forth every Order in Council made up to 31st December 1878; and stating the Proceedings and Expenditure under the Act of the Privy Council and Local Authorities up to the same date; and showing the Number of Foreign Animals landed in *Ireland* and found Diseased during the same period, specifying separately the different kinds of Disease, and the Ports of Exportation and Landing, and the mode of disposal of the Animals; and containing further information respecting Animals exported from *Ireland* and imported into *Ireland* during the year.

Inclosure Commission (Special Report.)

Special Report by the Commissioners with respect to Waste Lands in the Parish of *Maltby*, in the West Riding of the County of *York*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Greenwich Hospital and School. No. 109.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate for *Greenwich* Hospital and School for the year 1879-80. (The Expenditure to be repaid from the *Greenwich* Hospital Funds, *per* Acts 28 & 29 *Vic.* c. 89, and 33 & 34 *Vic.* c. 100.)

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Wormwood Scrubs.

Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to *Wormwood Scrubs*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

Mr. *Mills* reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital as to the expediency of confirming, as provided by the Bill, the Agreement scheduled to the Bill relating to the *Wimbledon* and *Croydon* Railway, and made between the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast, and *London* and South Western Railway Companies, and by striking out of the preamble the recitals as to steamboat powers, the Bill as passed by the Committee not containing any such powers, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

Mr. *Mills* reported the *London* and South Western, and *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 2.)

Mr. *Mills* reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That, there being no further Business ready for their consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions (Sixth Report.)

Lord *Arthur Russell* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, and 19th days of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Solar Physics, &c.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence and Papers relating to a Committee to report on the method of conducting Observations in Solar Physics (Civil Service Estimates, Class 4, Vote 2, G 2).

Army (Reinforcements for South Africa.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the average Age *per* Regiment of the Troops sent out to reinforce the Army in *Natal*, after the Battle of *Isandula*, until the present time.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

Sir *John St. Aubyn* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, in the case of *Nelson* Local Board Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

Sir *John St. Aubyn* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Pemberton* Local Board Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group H.)

Sir *John St. Aubyn* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, there being no Business ready for their consideration, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 1.)

Mr. *Evans* reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill had stated that the Evidence of *Whinfield Hora, Donald Munro*, and *William James Scott* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *Whinfield Hora, Donald Munro*, and *William James Scott* do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *Whinfield Hora, Donald Munro*, and *William James Scott* do attend the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Justices of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaster* to erect Offices for the transaction of County Business, and to make a new Road, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lancashire County Justices Bill.

The *Lancashire* County Justices Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 350 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Office of the Wreck Commissioner.

2. £. 19,723 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

3. £. 426 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Contributions towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police and the Salaries of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and Receiver, the Mounted Police, River Police, and Police Van Service.

4. £. 3,500 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Maintenance, &c. of Prisoners in County and Borough Prisons, and of Criminal Lunatics in Private Asylums in *Great Britain*.

5. £. 8,004 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in *Great Britain*, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

6. £. 10,000

6. £. 10,000 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Charges in *Ireland*, including the Salaries and Expenses of Magistrates.

7. £. 106,000 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Public Education in *England* and *Wales*, including Expenses of the Education Office in *London*.

8. £. 210 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of *London*.

9. £. 16,984 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Commission appointed in connection with the International Exhibition at *Paris*, 1878.

10. £. 8,746 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland*.

11. £. 22,810 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad.

12. £. 3,000 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

13. £. 19,246, year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Treasury Chest.

14. £. 1,750 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expenses of the Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad.

15. £. 534 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Scotland*.

16. £. 4,960 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of Temporary Commissions and Committees.

17. £. 7,200, year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for payment of the Guarantee under the Agreement of the Government with the *Mediterranean* Extension Telegraph Company.

18. £. 520, year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners appointed by the *Epping Forest* Act of 1871, to inquire as to the best mode of Preserving that Forest as an Open Space for the Enjoyment and Recreation of the Public.

19. £. 6,656, year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

20. £. 34,500 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries, Poundages, and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

21. £. 17,899. 1*s.* 2*d.*, to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Services, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1878, *viz.*:—

	£.	s.	d.
Class II.			
House of Commons Offices - - -	1	19	3
Class III.			
Criminal Prosecutions, &c. - - -	450	14	4
County Courts - - - - -	16,733	13	–
Land Registry Office - - - -	22	3	5
Convict Establishments, *England* and the Colonies - - - - - -	77	12	4
Registry of Judgments, *Ireland* - -	51	2	5
Class V.			
Treasury Chest - - - - -	4	4	11
Class VII.			
Temporary Commissions - - -	557	11	6
Total Amount Voted for Civil Services	£. 17,899	1	2

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Bill to amend the Acts relating to Election "Petitions and to the prevention of Corrupt "Practices at Parliamentary Elections will be "satisfactory to the House which leaves the Law "with regard to payments for the conveyance of "Voters to the poll in its present condition," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 138.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Gorst*: } 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 21*st March*, 1879:

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 118.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Conor*, Mr. *Callan*: } 6.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Consolidated Fund.

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, the Sum of £. 73,220 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £. 8,494,195 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 3rd day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Lunatics: And that Mr. *Dillwyn*, Sir *George Balfour*, and Mr. *Herschell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of *Paisley*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-nine, and One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill. Bill 109.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill. Bill 110.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of *Paisley*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill. Bill 111.

Mr. *Dillwyn* presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Lunatics: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of April next; and to be printed.

Intemperance.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, requesting a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Intemperance, together with the Minutes of Evidence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Fortifications (Defences Loan, 1877-8.) No. 110.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account rendered by the War Office of the Loan for Defences, for the year 1877–8, in respect of Fortifications, &c., under the Act 23 & 24 *Vic.* c. 109, and subsequent Acts, accompanied by detailed Statements, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 21*st March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

MR. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make it consistent with the case as submitted to them, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

North and South Woolwich Subway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the North and South *Woolwich* Subway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Westgate and Birchington Gas and Water Bill.

Mr. *Assheton* reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Gas and Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in

in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the powers to supply Gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Stafford and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

City of *London* School Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

The *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Church Fenton*, *Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time,

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;——

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Act, 1879.

2. Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Act, 1879.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Staveley Hill*, Mr. *Maurice Brooks*: } 112.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Bristowe*, Mr. *Cartwright*: } 86.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill (1878.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill, in Session 1878, be referred to the Committee on the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) and Midland Railway Bills.

Mr. *Massey*, Sir *John Kennaway*, and Mr. *Maurice Brooks* were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) and Midland Railway Bills.

Public Petitions.

Vide Seventh Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Cattle Disease (United States of America.) No. 111.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Cattle Disease (United States of *America*), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

Railway Commission.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Railway Commission.

Clare Castle Pier and Harbour.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February last, for a Return relative to *Clare Castle* Pier and Harbour.

Military Forces Localisation.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Money raised and issued under the Provisions of the Military Forces Localisation Act (35 & 36 *Vic.* c. 68), the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the said Act, to 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Explosions (Chilworth Factory.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the circumstances attending the Destruction by Explosion of the Press House of Mr. *S. Sharp*'s Gunpowder Factory at *Chilworth*, near *Guildford*, on the 10th February 1879, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

British Mineral Oils (Commercial, No. 4, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Duties on *British* Mineral Oils imported into *France* (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 2162, August 1878).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver.)

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Goldsmiths' Halls and Hall-Marking, which were presented upon the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Select Committee on Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver).

University Education (Ireland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Address to the Crown from the Catholic Bishops of the Dominion of *Canada*, in relation to the present position of University Education in *Ireland*.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Vestry of Saint Pancras Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the Repayment of Loans raised under and for the purposes of certain Local Acts relating to the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Intemperance.

The Lords communicate, Copy of Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Intemperance, as desired by this House.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that "measures should be adopted to provide a more "speedy and efficient and less expensive mode of "administering justice than now prevails," instead thereof.

Administration of Justice.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

£. 6,200 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Law Officers; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Queen's Proctor for Divorce Interventions; the Costs of Prosecutions, including those relating to the Coin, and to Bankruptcy, and of other Legal Proceedings conducted by those Departments; and various other Legal Expenses, including Statute Law Revision, and Parliamentary Agency.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1878 and 1879, the Sum of £. 299,218 1*s.* 2*d.* be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Consolidated Fund.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 4, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 6 (Making of valuation list by overseers. *See* 25 & 26 *Vic.* c. 103, s. 14, 32 & 33 *Vic.* c. 67, s. 6).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, after the word "shall" to insert the word "annually."

Question proposed, That the word "annually" be there inserted;

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply [20th March] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Wreck Commissioner's Office (Supplementary.)

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 350, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Wreck Commissioner.

County Courts (Supplementary.)

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 19,723, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

Metropolitan Police (Supplementary.)

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 426, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for contributions towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police and the Salaries of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Receiver, the Mounted Police, River Police, and Police Van Service.

County and Borough Prisons, &c. (Great Britain) (Supplementary.)

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Maintenance, &c. of Prisoners in County and Borough Prisons, and of Criminal

Criminal Lunatics in Private Asylums in *Great Britain*.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Great Britain) (Supplementary.)

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 8,004, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in *Great Britain*, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

Miscellaneous Legal Charges (Ireland) (Supplementary.)

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Charges in *Ireland*, including the Salaries and Expenses of Magistrates.

Education (England and Wales) (Supplementary.)

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 106,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for Public Education in *England* and *Wales*, including Expenses of the Education Office in *London*.

London University (Supplementary.)

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 210, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of *London*.

International Exhibition (Paris) (Supplementary.)

9. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 16,984, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Commission appointed in connection with the International Exhibition at *Paris*, 1878.

Commissioners of National Education (Ireland) (Supplementary.)

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 8,746, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland*.

Embassies and Missions Abroad (Supplementary.)

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 22,810, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad.

Consular Establishments (Supplementary.)

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

Treasury Chest.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Treasury Chest.

Distressed British Seamen Abroad (Supplementary.)

14. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 1,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Expenses of the Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad.

Pauper Lunatics (Scotland) (Supplementary.)

15. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 534, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Scotland*.

Temporary Commissions (Supplementary.)

16. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 4,960, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of Temporary Commissions and Committees.

Mediterranean Extension Telegraph Company (Guarantee.)

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for payment of the Guarantee under the Agreement of the Government with the *Mediterranean* Extension Telegraph Company.

Epping Forest Commission.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 520, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners appointed by the *Epping Forest* Act of 1871, to inquire as to the best mode of Preserving that Forest as an Open Space for the Enjoyment and Recreation of the Public.

Civil Contingencies Fund (Miscellaneous Advances.)

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 6,656, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

Inland Revenue Department (Supplementary.)

20. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 34,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries, Poundages, and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

Civil Services (Excesses, 1877–78.)

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 17,899. 1 s. 2 d., be granted to Her Majesty, to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Services, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1878, *viz.*:—

	£.	s.	d.
CLASS II.			
House of Commons Offices - - -	1	19	3
CLASS III.			
Criminal Prosecutions, &c. - - -	450	14	4
County Courts - - - - -	16,733	13	–
Land Registry Office - - - -	22	3	5
Convict Establishments, *England* and the Colonies - - - - -	77	12	4
Registry of Judgments, *Ireland* - -	51	2	5
CLASS V.			
Treasury Chest - - - - -	4	4	11
CLASS VII.			
Temporary Commissions - - -	557	11	6
Total Amount Voted for Civil Services £.	17,899	1	2

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1 (The provisions of s. 23 of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, not to apply to moneys to which a pauper or pauper lunatic may be entitled as a member of friendly or benefit society).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of April next.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relief of Insane Poor Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

East India [Loan.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the service of the Government of *India*;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Papers Referred.

Ordered, That the several Returns relative to Loans and Liabilities in *England* and in *India*, which have been presented to this House in the present Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill, presented on or before the 29th day of this instant March, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill, and that such Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitioners.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

Saturday, 22*nd March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventh Report.

Supply [21st March] Report.

Law Charges (England) (Supplementary.)

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 6,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879, for the Salaries of the Law Officers; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Queen's Proctor for Divorce Interventions; the Costs of Prosecutions, including those relating to the Coin, and to Bankruptcy, and of other Legal Proceedings conducted by those Departments; and various other Legal Expenses, including Statute Law Revision, and Parliamentary Agency.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the Years ending on the 31st day of March 1878 and 1879, the Sum of £. 299,218 1 *s.* 2 *d.* be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 24*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

East London Railway Bill.

MR. *Mills* reported from the Committee on the East *London* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out so much thereof as related to the abandonment of the Company's *Bethnal Green* Junction Railway, and the power to provide Lifts and other Machinery in lieu thereof, and to certain Agreements between the Company and the Great Eastern and *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies respectively, and to the creation of a new first charge Stock, and otherwise amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

Mr. *Mills* reported the South Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have power to make provision therein, pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and *Gateshead* Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Lancashire County Justices.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

The *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Grand Junction Water Bill.

The Grand Junction Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

New River Company Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *New River* Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Nottingham Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Nottingham* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of April next.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

The East *Norfolk* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

The *Sidmouth* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

The *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Bromley Gas Bill.

The *Bromley* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Ilkley* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Lancaster* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The *Mirfield* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Preston* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Warrington* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wisbech* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of April next.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The *Wombwell* Local Board Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committee on the *Caledonian* Railway Bill, and that the Chairman of the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills be appointed Chairman of the Committee on the said Bill.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The Order, made upon the 11th day of this instant March, That the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Three by the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Bolton Corporation Bill (1872.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Bolton* Corporation Bill, in Session 1872, be referred to the Committee on the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill.

Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Bill (1864.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Birmingham* and *Staffordshire* Gas Bill, in Session 1864, be referred to the Committee on the *Birmingham* Gas Bill.

Glossop Gas Bill.

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported the *Glossop* Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Dearne Valley Water Bill.

Colonel *Makins* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the *Dearne Valley* Water Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group H.)

Colonel *Makins* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, at the Meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was received from Sir *John Saint Aubyn*, Chairman of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Sir *John Saint Aubyn* be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Public Petitions.

Vide Seventh Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Military Forces Localisation.

No. 112.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Military Forces Localisation, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant March, be printed.

Intemperance.

No. 113.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Intemperance, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 21st day of this instant March, be printed.

Dublin Metropolitan Police.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Account of all Moneys received and expended on Account of the *Dublin* Metropolitan Police Establishment (including the Police Courts), in the year ended 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Brewers, &c.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of December last, for Accounts relative to Brewers, &c.

War Office (Charges Defrayed on account of India) (Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, &c., 1879.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Appropriation Account of the Sum granted by Parliament in Repayment of the Charges defrayed by the War Office on behalf of the *India* Office, together with the Account for the year ended 31st March 1877.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [c. 2260] of March 1879).

Malta.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Riots at *Malta* on the 15th May 1878 (in continuation of [c. 2032] of May 1878).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Crime and Punishment.)

No. 114.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy during the year 1877; the Offences for which the Men were tried; the Sentences awarded; and the Punishments inflicted at Home and Abroad:——Of the Number of Summary Punishments inflicted:——And, similar Returns relating to the Royal Marines (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 71, of Session 1878).

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Returns.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Civil Contingencies Account.

No. 115.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Civil Contingencies Account for the year 1877-8, and of the Correspondence between the Treasury and the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Infants in Workhouses (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return with Christian and Surname of each, of Infants born in *Irish* Workhouses, or admitted thereto when healthy under Twelve Months old, and attempted to be reared therein during the year 1872, showing what has since become of them, in the following Tabular Form:—

Union Workhouse.	Born in House or Admitted Healthy under Twelve Months.	Discharged.	Healthy.	In Hospital.	Dead.

——Similar Return of Healthy Infants under Twelve Months old who were sent out to Nurse in 1872 by Boards of Guardians in *Ireland*, and attempted to be reared in the Homes of Foster Parents, in the following Tabular Form:—

Union.	Children under Twelve Months Old sent out to be Nursed.	Returned to Workhouse.	Healthy.	Under Medical Treatment.	Dead.

——And, similar Returns for 1873 and 1874.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stephen Cave* have leave of absence for one month, on account of ill health.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licences.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That, inasmuch as the ancient and avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licences should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Mr.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Burnt Fen First District Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Acts relating to the *Burnt Fen* First District, and to provide for the making and maintaining of Roads in the said District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bridge Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring upon the Corporation of *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* further Powers in relation to the Bridge over the Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Burnt Fen First District Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Burnt Fen* First District Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bridge Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at half an hour after Four of the clock.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 25th March, 1879:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

£. 4,109,067, on account, for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments, *viz.*:—

Civil Services.

CLASS I.

Great Britain:—	£.
Royal Palaces	6,000
Marlborough House	500
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens	19,300
Houses of Parliament	6,000
Public Buildings	20,000
Furniture of Public Offices	2,600
Revenue Department Buildings	31,200
County Court Buildings	8,000
Metropolitan Police Courts	4,000
Sheriff Court Houses, *Scotland*	1,400
New Courts of Justice, &c.	21,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom	22,400
Science and Art Department Buildings	3,400
British Museum Buildings	800
Natural History Museum	8,000
Edinburgh University Buildings	3,200
Harbours, &c. under Board of Trade	3,000
Rates on Government Property (*Great Britain* and *Ireland*)	44,500
Metropolitan Fire Brigade	2,500
Ireland:—	
Public Buildings	24,000
Abroad:—	
Lighthouses Abroad	2,000
Diplomatic and Consular Buildings	4,000

CLASS II.

England:—	£.
House of Lords, Offices	7,000
House of Commons, Offices	8,600
Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel	10,000
Home Office and Subordinate Departments	15,200
Foreign Office	12,600
Colonial Office	6,600
Privy Council Office and Subordinate Departments	5,300
Privy Seal Office	500
Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments	28,000
Charity Commission (including Endowed Schools Department)	5,000
Civil Service Commission	4,600
Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission	3,000
Inclosure and Drainage Acts Expenses	1,400
Exchequer and Audit Department	9,400
Friendly Societies, Registry	1,200
Local Government Board	64,000
Lunacy Commission	2,700
Mint	10,600
National Debt Office	2,800
Patent Office	4,700
Paymaster General's Office	4,300
Public Works Loan Commission	1,800
Record Office	3,500
Registrar General's Office	8,000
Stationery Office and Printing	76,000
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of	4,000
Works and Public Buildings, Office of	7,000
Secret Service	3,900
Scotland:—	
Exchequer and other Offices	1,200
Fishery Board	2,200
Lunacy Commission	1,000
Registrar General's Office	1,200
Board of Supervision	3,200
Ireland:—	
Lord Lieutenant's Household	1,300
Chief Secretary's Office, &c.	5,200
Charitable Donations and Bequests Office	400
Local Government Board	21,300
Public Works Office	5,100
Record Office	1,000
Registrar General's Office	2,600
Valuation and Boundary Survey	3,800

CLASS III.

England:—	
Law Charges	12,000
Criminal Prosecutions	33,300
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	30,000
Queen's Bench, &c. Divisions, High Court of Justice	10,600
Probate, &c. Registries, High Court of Justice	15,000
Admiralty Registry, High Court of Justice	2,000
Wreck Commission	2,000
Bankruptcy Court, *London*	6,300
County Courts	73,400
Land Registry	000
Revising Barristers, *England*	—
Police Courts (*London* and *Sheerness*)	2,400
Metropolitan Police	100,000
County and Borough Police, *Great Britain* (for Inspection only)	800
Convict Establishments in *England* and the Colonies	72,000
Prisons, *England*	133,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, *Great Britain*	65,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum	4,700
Scotland:—	
Lord Advocate, and Criminal Proceedings	11,300
Courts of Law and Justice	10,300
Register House Departments	6,100
Prisons, *Scotland*	14,000
Ireland:—	
Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions	14,000
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	6,700
Queen's Bench, &c. Divisions, ditto	4,700
Land Judges' Offices, ditto	2,000
Probate, &c. Registries, ditto	2,000
Court of Bankruptcy	1,800
Admiralty Court Registry	350
Registry of Deeds	3,400
Registry of Judgments	600
County Court Officers, &c.	12,600
Dublin Metropolitan Police (including Police Courts)	23,000
Constabulary	183,000
Prisons, *Ireland*	24,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	21,000
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum	1,200

CLASS IV.

	£.
England:—	
Public Education	640,000
Science and Art Department	71,600
British Museum	18,000
National Gallery	3,000
National Portrait Gallery	500
Learned Societies, &c.	4,000
London University	1,800
Deep Sea Exploring Expedition (Report)	700
Scotland:—	
Public Education	133,000
Universities, &c.	3,100
National Gallery	400
Ireland:—	
Public Education	150,000
Endowed Schools Commissioners	150
National Gallery	400
Queen's University	—
Queen's Colleges	—
Royal *Irish* Academy	350

CLASS V.

Diplomatic Services	35,000
Consular Services	40,000
Colonies, Grants in Aid	8,000
Orange River Territory and *Saint Helena*	500
Suez Canal (*British* Directors)	350
Suppression of the Slave Trade	1,200
Tonnage Bounties, &c.	2,300
Cyprus, Military Pioneer Force	—

CLASS VI.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances	75,000
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c.	5,000
Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad	5,300
Pauper Lunatics, *England*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Scotland*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Ireland*	40,000
Hospitals and Infirmaries, *Ireland*	3,000
Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency	—
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Great Britain*	800
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Ireland*	800

CLASS VII.

Temporary Commissions	4,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200
Total for Civil Services	£. 2,754,400

Revenue Departments.

Customs	161,000
Inland Revenue	316,000
Post Office	562,000
Post Office Packet Service	128,000
Post Office Telegraphs	187,667
Total for Revenue Departments	1,354,667
Grand Total	£. 4,109,067

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Knights of the Shire do prepare Lists of the Christian and Surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective Counties.

Ordered, That the Members for Cities, Boroughs, and places having Commissioners executing exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts, do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within such Cities, Boroughs, and places respectively.

Ordered, That the Members for other Cities, Boroughs, and places, do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the Counties in which such last-mentioned Cities, Boroughs, and places are respectively situated.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1 (The provisions of s. 23 of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, not to apply to moneys to which a pauper or pauper lunatic may be entitled as a member of friendly or benefit society).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "relative" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of *Inverness*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

The

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Select Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill was nominated of Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Mr. *Ritchie*, Mr. *Isaac*, Viscount *Barrington*, Sir *William Welby-Gregory*, Mr. *Clare Read*, Sir *Graham Montgomery*, Mr. *Stansfeld*, Mr. *Whitwell*, Mr. *P. A. Taylor*, Mr. *Biggar*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Anderson*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 2nd day of April next, the Prenuptial Contracts Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

COLONEL *Makins* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That in the case of the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and had gone the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

That, in the case of the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill, Petition of the *Port Carlisle* Dock and Railway Company, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 129, in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

That, in the case of the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill, Petition of the Corporation of *Rochester*, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 129, in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital as to the expediency of dissolving the *Caterham* and *Godstone Valley* Railway Company, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Forth* Bridge Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 3.)

Mr. *Mills* reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That the Parties opposing the *Shortlands, Knockholt*, and *Otford* Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of *William Lowndes* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *William Lowndes* do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *William Lowndes* do attend the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

North and South Woolwich Subway Bill.

The North and South *Woolwich* Subway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Morecambe* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Queenstown* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

The *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Bill (1873.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Glasgow* Corporation Waterworks Amendment Bill, in Session 1873, be referred to the Committee on the *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill.

Metropolitan Inner Circle Completion and Eastern Extension Railway Bill (1874), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Metropolitan Inner Circle Completion and Eastern Extension Railway Bill, in Session 1874, the Metropolitan Inner Circle Completion Railway Bill, in Session 1876, and the Metropolitan Inner Circle Completion Railway Bill, in Session 1878, be referred to the Committee on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Vestry of *Saint Pancras* Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventh Report.

Magistrates (Ireland.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Magistrates (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed. **No. 116.**

Brewers, &c.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Brewers, &c., which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant March, be printed. **No. 117.**

War Office (Charges defrayed on account of India) (Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, &c., 1879.)

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the War Office (Charges defrayed on account of *India*), (Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, &c., 1879), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant March, be printed. **No. 118.**

Marriages, Births, and Deaths (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—General Abstract of the Numbers of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in *Ireland* during the year 1878.

Charity Commission (England and Wales.)

Copy of Twenty-sixth Report of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Government Insurances and Annuities.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of all Moneys received, and of the disposal thereof, and of all Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities, and for Payments on Death made during the year ended 31st December 1878.

National Debt (Annuities.)

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities and Long Annuities, and any other Annuities for Terms of Years transferred, and of all Sums of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives, and for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payments at Death which have been made, under the provisions of the Acts 10 *Geo.* 4, c. 24, and 16 & 17 *Vic.* c. 45, and 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 43, within the year ending 5th January 1879.

Public Offices (Increase and Diminution.)

Abstract of an Account of every Increase and Diminution which has taken place in the year 1878, in the Number of Persons employed, or in the Salaries, Emoluments, Allowances and Expenses of all Public Offices or Departments.

Public Offices (Superannuations.)

Account of all Allowances or Compensations granted as Retired Allowances or Superannuations in all Public Offices or Departments which remained payable on the 1st January 1878, the Annual Amount which was granted in the year 1878, the Amount which ceased within the year, and the Total Amount remaining payable on 31st December 1878.

Superannuations.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated March 1879, awarding a Special Pension to Mr. *Francis Wallace Rowsell*, Director of Navy Contracts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

University Voters.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Number of Doctors and actual Masters of Arts in the University of *Oxford* who have the right of voting at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for such University:——Of the Number of Electors in Holy Orders:——And, similar Return as regards the University of *Cambridge*.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next.

Private Bills (Group D.)

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of the Parties, they had adjourned till Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and One thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Agricultural Tenancies.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1875, and into the conditions of Agricultural Tenancies in *England* and *Wales*;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "there can be no adequate remedy for the "agricultural depression existing throughout the "country and severely affecting also the interests "of town labour, which does not, especially at "this period of increasing Foreign Competition, "protect the application of skill and capital to the "soil by the establishment of compensation for "unexhausted improvements, equitable appeal "against exorbitant rents, and substantial security "of tenure for the agricultural classes both in "*Great Britain* and *Ireland*," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 26*th March*, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Bernhard Samuelson*, Mr. *Phipps*: } 115.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Major *O'Beirne*: } 166.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "there can be no adequate remedy for the agricultural depression existing throughout the country and severely affecting also the interests of town labour, which does not, especially at this period of increasing Foreign Competition, protect the application of skill and capital to the soil by the establishment of compensation for unexhausted improvements, equitable appeal against exorbitant rents, and substantial security of tenure for the agricultural classes both in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*," be added, instead thereof:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Army (Medical Department.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence, which took place in the year 1876, between Surgeon Major *P. J. Clarke* and Sir *W. Muir*, M.D., Director General of the Medical Department of the Army, and between Surgeon Major *P. J. Clarke* and the Military Secretary to His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief, on the subject of the Supersession of Surgeon Major *P. J. Clarke*;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Meldon*, Major *O'Beirne*: } 26.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 76.

So it passed in the Negative.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869": And that Mr. *Marten*, Sir *Henry James*, and Mr. *Torr* do prepare, and bring it in.

Deaths (Starvation, &c.) Metropolitan District.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Return of the Number of all Deaths in the Metropolitan District in the year 1878 upon which a Coroner's Jury have returned a verdict

a verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation (in the same form as Parliamentary Paper, No. 117, of Session 1878).

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

East India [Loan.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* [Loan];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [24th March] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Vote on Account.)

That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,109,067, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charge for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1880, *viz.*:

Civil Services.

CLASS I.

Great Britain:—	£.
Royal Palaces	6,000
Marlborough House	500
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens	19,300
Houses of Parliament	6,000
Public Buildings	20,000
Furniture of Public Offices	2,600
Revenue Department Buildings	31,200
County Court Buildings	8,000
Metropolitan Police Courts	4,000
Sheriff Court Houses, *Scotland*	1,400
New Courts of Justice, &c.	21,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom	22,400
Science and Art Department Buildings	3,400
British Museum Buildings	800
Natural History Museum	8,000
Edinburgh University Buildings	3,200
Harbours, &c. under Board of Trade	3,000
Rates on Government Property (*Great Britain* and *Ireland*)	44,500
Metropolitan Fire Brigade	2,500
Ireland:—	
Public Buildings	24,000
Abroad:—	
Lighthouses Abroad	2,000
Diplomatic and Consular Buildings	4,000

CLASS II.

England:—	
House of Lords, Offices	7,000
House of Commons, Offices	8,600
Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel	10,000
Home Office and Subordinate Departments	15,200
Foreign Office	12,600
Colonial Office	6,600
Privy Council Office and Subordinate Departments	5,300
Privy Seal Office	500
Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments	28,000
Charity Commission (including Endowed Schools Department)	5,000
Civil Service Commission	4,600
Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission	3,000
Inclosure and Drainage Acts Expenses	1,400
Exchequer and Audit Department	9,400
Friendly Societies, Registry	1,200
Local Government Board	64,000
Lunacy Commission	2,700
Mint	10,600
National Debt Office	2,800
Patent Office	4,700
Paymaster General's Office	4,300
Public Works Loan Commission	1,800
Record Office	3,500
Registrar General's Office	8,000
Stationery Office and Printing	76,000
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of	4,000
Works and Public Buildings, Office of	7,000
Secret Service	3,900
Scotland:—	
Exchequer and other Offices	1,200
Fishery Board	2,200
Lunacy Commission	1,000
Registrar General's Office	1,200
Board of Supervision	3,200
Ireland:—	
Lord Lieutenant's Household	1,300
Chief Secretary's Office, &c.	5,200
Charitable Donations and Bequests Office	400
Local Government Board	21,300
Public Works Office	5,100
Record Office	1,000
Registrar General's Office	2,600
Valuation and Boundary Survey	3,800

CLASS III.

England:—	
Law Charges	12,000
Criminal Prosecutions	33,300
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	30,000
Queen's Bench, &c. Divisions, High Court of Justice	10,600
Probate, &c. Registries, High Court of Justice	15,000
Admiralty Registry, High Court of Justice	2,000
Wreck Commission	2,000
Bankruptcy Court, *London*	6,300
County Courts	73,400
Land Registry	900
Revising Barristers, *England*	—
Police Courts, *London* and *Sheerness*	2,400
Metropolitan Police	100,000
County and Borough Police, *Great Britain* (for Inspection only)	800
Convict Establishments in *England* and the Colonies	72,000
Prisons, *England*	133,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, *Great Britain*	65,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum	4,700
Scotland:—	
Lord Advocate, and Criminal Proceedings	11,300
Courts of Law and Justice	10,300
Register House Departments	6,100
Prisons, *Scotland*	14,000
Ireland:—	
Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions	14,000
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	6,700
Queen's Bench, &c. Divisions, ditto	4,700
Land Judges' Offices, ditto	2,000
Probate, &c. Registries, ditto	2,000
Court of Bankruptcy	1,800
Admiralty Court Registry	350
Registry of Deeds	3,400
Registry of Judgments	600
County Court Officers, &c.	12,600
Dublin Metropolitan Police (including Police Courts)	23,000
Constabulary	183,000
Prisons, *Ireland*	24,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	21,000
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum	1,200

CLASS IV.

England:—	
Public Education	640,000
Science and Art Department	71,600
British Museum	18,000
National Gallery	3,000
National Portrait Gallery	500
Learned Societies, &c.	4,000
London University	1,800
Deep Sea Exploring Expedition (Report)	700

	£.
Scotland:—	
Public Education	133,000
Universities, &c.	3,100
National Gallery	400
Ireland:—	
Public Education	150,000
Endowed Schools Commissioners	150
National Gallery	400
Queen's University	—
Queen's Colleges	—
Royal *Irish* Academy	350
CLASS V.	
Diplomatic Services	35,000
Consular Services	40,000
Colonies, Grants in Aid	8,000
Orange River Territory and *Saint Helena*	500
Suez Canal (*British* Directors)	350
Suppression of the Slave Trade	1,200
Tonnage Bounties, &c.	2,300
Cyprus, Military Pioneer Force	—
CLASS VI.	
Superannuation and Retired Allowances	75,000
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c.	5,000
Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad	5,300
Pauper Lunatics, *England*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Scotland*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Ireland*	40,000
Hospitals and Infirmaries, *Ireland*	3,000
Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency	—
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Great Britain*	800
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Ireland*	800
CLASS VII.	
Temporary Commissions	4,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200
Total for Civil Services	£. 2,754,400
Revenue Departments.	
Customs	161,000
Inland Revenue	316,000
Post Office	562,000
Post Office Packet Service	128,000
Post Office Telegraphs	187,667
Total for Revenue Departments	£ 1,354,667
Grand Total	£. 4,109,067

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill. Bill 112.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of *Inverness*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill. Bill 113.

Mr. *Marten* presented a Bill to amend "The Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

Mr. *Basil Woodd* reported the *Caledonian* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

City of London School Bill [*Lords.*]

THE City of *London* School Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Caledonian and Scottish North Eastern Railways Amalgamation Bill (1866), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the *Caledonian* and *Scottish* North Eastern Railways Amalgamation Bill, in Session 1866, the *North British* (*Tay* Bridge) Railway Bill, in Session 1870, and the *North British*, *Arbroath*, and *Montrose* Railway Bill, in Session 1871, be referred to the Committee on the *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill.

North British Railway (Additional Works and Powers) Bill (1873), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the *North British* Railway (Additional Works and Powers) Bill, in Session 1873, and the *North British* Railway (Additional Works and Powers) Bill, in Session 1877, be referred to the Committee on the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

District Auditors Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the District Auditors Bill, without any Amendment.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Debtors Act, 1869, and for the better Punishment of Fraudulent Debtors; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy, and for other purposes relating thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter and amend the *Maryport* Improvement Acts, 1866 to 1878; to authorise new Works; to extend the Powers of the Trustees, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove certain Impediments in the way of building on certain Land in *Croydon* allotted in the year 1801 under the Powers of an Enclosure Act of the Thirty-seventh year of the reign of King *George* the Third, chapter 144; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, Vide Seventh Report.

Government Insurances and Annuities. No. 119.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Government Insurances and Annuities, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant March, be printed.

National Debt (Annuities.) No. 120.

Ordered, That the Account relative to National Debt (Annuities), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant March, be printed.

Public Offices (Increase and Diminution.) No. 121.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Offices (Increase and Diminution), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant March, be printed.

Public Offices (Superannuations.) No. 122.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Public Offices (Superannuations), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant March, be printed.

National Debt (Savings Banks.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Balance Sheet setting forth the Assets and Liabilities of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in respect of Savings Banks established under the Act 9 *Geo.* 4, c. 92, and showing, in detail, the Securities held by the said Commissioners on account of such Savings Banks, on the 20th November 1878, and their Value taken at the price of that day, pursuant to Act 26 *Vic.* c. 25.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Interments in Churchyards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Interments in Churchyards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

Burials Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relief of Insane Poor Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 27th March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Seventh Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 26th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

The *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

New River Company Bill.

The *New River* Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Nottingham Water Bill.

The *Nottingham* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Railway Agents, &c. (Memorial.)

Ordered, That the Memorial of the Railway Agents, &c. Protection Association against the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) and the Midland Railway Bills, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be referred to the Select Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) and the Midland Railway Bills.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

Mr. *Assheton* reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital as to the expediency of authorising the Company to acquire patent rights and licences for the use of inventions relative to the production and supply of lighting and heating agents other than gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Bill.

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Renfrew* Burgh and Harbour Bill, They had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Shortlands, Knockholt, and Otford Railway Bill.

Mr. *Mills* reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the *Shortlands, Knockholt,* and *Otford* Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighth Report. National Debt (Savings Banks.) No. 123.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Army (Royal Malta Fencible Artillery.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Royal Warrant issued relative to the Conditions of Retirement of Combatant Officers, and Rates of Pension to Non-commissioned Officers and Men, Royal *Malta* Fencible Artillery.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Naval Savings Banks.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the Payments thereof, and of Interest thereon; of all Investments under "The Naval Savings Banks Act, 1866," and the application of the Interest or Dividends accruing in respect thereof; and of the Proceeds of any Sale of any Stocks, Annuities, or Securities, during the Financial year 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Experiments on Animals.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of February last, for a Return relative to Experiments on Animals.

Salmon Fisheries (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon Fisheries for *England* and *Wales*, for the year 1878, with Appendices.

Inclosure Commission (Special Report.)

Special Report by the Inclosure Commissioners, relative to the Regulation of part and the inclosure of the residue of *Matterdale* Common, in the Parish of *Greystoke*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

Committals (Ireland.)

Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and the Clerks of the Peace for Counties in *Ireland*, of Committals for 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Court of Probate Division (High Court of Justice) (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Annual Salaries of the Judge, Registrars, Clerks, and all others holding Offices in the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in *Ireland*, together with an Account of all Fees and Moneys received in the year ended 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Consular Reports) (Commercial, No. 6, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of their Consular Districts. Part I. Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Transport of Troops to the Mediterranean.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Officers, Men, and Camp Followers brought from *India* to *Malta* and *Cyprus* last year, together with the Cost of Transport from and to *India*, Provisions, Pay, and Allowances, Allowances to Soldiers' Families in *India*, and all other Expenses incidental to and consequent upon the bringing of the *Indian* Troops to the *Mediterranean*.

Resolved,

County Courts.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from every County Court of the Particulars mentioned in the Statement annexed, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1878, with the Names of the Judges attached to each Court:—

Statement.

Number of Plaints entered in 1878;
Number entered for Sums exceeding 40 *s.*;
Number entered for Sums exceeding 5 *s.* and not exceeding 40 *s.*;
Number entered for Sums exceeding 1 *s.* and not exceeding 5 *s.*;
Number entered for Sums not exceeding 1 *s.*;
Number of Persons imprisoned in 1878;
Number of such imprisoned where the Sum in respect of which Default was made exceeded 40 *s.*;
Number of Persons imprisoned where the Sum in respect of which Default was made exceeded 5 *s.* and did not exceed 40 *s.*;
Number of Persons imprisoned where the Sum in respect of which Default was made exceeded 1 *s.* and did not exceed 5 *s.*;
Number of Persons imprisoned where the Sum in respect of which Default was made did not exceed 1 *s.*;
Number of Days during which each Person imprisoned lay in Prison.

Wines (Foreign and Colonial.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Gallons of *French*, *Spanish*, *Portuguese*, and all other Foreign and Colonial Wines imported into the United Kingdom in the years 1859, 1873, 1875, and 1878, with the relative Duties *per* Gallon paid in 1859 and in the subsequent periods.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

Mr. *William Henry Gladstone* reported the *Leeds* Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Guns and Ammunition (South Africa.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Guns and Ammunition shipped for the last five years to the *British* and *Portuguese* Possessions in *South Africa*, specifying the Places in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* from which such Shipments were made, and the Quantity shipped from each Place.

Navy (Steamships.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the Steamships in Her Majesty's Navy on the 1st day of January 1874, and the 1st day of January 1879, arranged in Classes, and specifying those in Commission and in Reserve at that Date; those that were in thorough Repair, under Repair, requiring Repair (showing the Length of Duration of the Boilers of the same), or Building; how disposed of since; and the Amount expended on each Ship on Building or Repairs, &c.; and showing whether the same was expended out of the ordinary Votes or out of the Vote of Credit and Supplementary Votes in connection with disturbances in the *East*, to the 1st day of January 1879; including Torpedo Machinery, Torpedo Mooring Steamers, Torpedo Boats and Lighters, Steam Launches, Pinnaces, and Cutters:——Statement of the Number and Cost of New Boilers made and fitted to Her Majesty's Ships for the Five years ended the 1st day of January 1874:——Similar Return for the subsequent Five years:——And, Return of the duration of the Boilers which they replaced.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Captain *Stacpoole* have leave of absence for six weeks, on account of ill health.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to the *Zulu* War.

Zulu War.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while willing to support Her Majesty's Government in all necessary measures for defending the possessions of Her Majesty in *South Africa*, regrets that the ultimatum which was calculated to produce immediate war should have been presented to the *Zulu* King without authority from the Responsible Advisers of the Crown, and that an offensive war should have been commenced without imperative and pressing necessity or adequate preparation; and this House further regrets that after the censure passed upon the High Commissioner by Her Majesty's Government in the Despatch of the 19th day of March 1879, the conduct of affairs in *South Africa* should be retained in his hands;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "and that a war of invasion was undertaken with "insufficient forces, notwithstanding the full information in the possession of Her Majesty's Government of the strength of the *Zulu* Army, and the "warnings which they had received from Sir *Bartle* "*Frere* and Lord *Chelmsford* that hostilities were "unavoidable."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 28*th March*, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

East India [Loan.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East India* [Loan].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise in the United Kingdom any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding £.10,000,000, for the Service of the Government of *India* on the security of the Revenues of *India*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committe on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Work Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Oodered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 28*th March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

That, in the case of the *Lancashire* County Justices Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* and South Western, and *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Tipton* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

The *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Furness Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

London Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Burnt Fen First District Bill.

Weymouth and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Group C.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Colonel *Clifford*, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1879.
2. District Auditors Act, 1879.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighth Report.

Greenwich Hospital, &c. (Maintenance of Boys.) No. 124.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Greenwich* Hospital, &c. (Maintenance of Boys), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Railway Commission. No. 125.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Railway Commission, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant March, be printed.

Naval Savings Banks. No. 126.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant March, be printed.

Experiments on Animals. No. 127.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Experiments on Animals, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant March, be printed.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages (England.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fortieth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in *England* (Abstracts of 1877).

Factories and Workshops.

Copy of Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops to Her Majesty's Principal

Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the year ending 31st October 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Land Titles and Transfer.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord High Chancellor to attend, to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

Mr. *W. H. Gladstone* reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Rotherham* Borough Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

Mr. *Williams Wynn* reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Birmingham* Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by the insertion of a clause reciting the holding of certain meetings in pursuance of the Borough Funds Acts of 1872, in accordance with suggestions contained in the Local Government Board Report which had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Convicts Theodoridi and Gorlero.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Depositions taken at the Police Court in August, and the Conviction and Sentence on *Constantine Theodoridi* and *Paulo Gorlero* at the Central Criminal Court, *London*, in September 1877.

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Merionethshire* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

Mr. *Assheton* reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital as to the expediency of authorising the Local Board to make and maintain a breakwater, and by striking out in page 3, line 1, the words "fifty-six," and inserting "twenty-five" instead thereof, and in line 5, the word "fifteen," and inserting the word "five," instead thereof, and by otherwise amending the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Longford County Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Longford*, in the room of *Myles William O'Reilly*, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Assistant Commissioner of Intermediate Education in *Ireland*.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 114.

The Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 115.

The Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Poor's Allotment Lands situated in the Parish of *Tring* and County of *Hertford*, to sell or exchange the same, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the constitution of the Trustees of the Port and Harbour of *Whitby*, in the North Riding of the County of *York*; for better defining the Limits of the said Port and Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to *Thomas Vicars* the Elder, and *Thomas Vicars* the Younger, of *Liverpool*, in the County of *Lancaster*, and *James Smith*, of the same place, for the invention of Improvements in Self-stoking Furnaces; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Land Titles and Transfer.

The Lords give leave to the Lord High Chancellor to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Land Titles and Transfer, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Tring* Poor's Land Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Zulu War.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House, while willing to support Her Majesty's Government in all necessary measures for defending the possessions of Her Majesty in *South Africa*, regrets that the ultimatum which was calculated to produce immediate war should have been presented to the *Zulu* King without authority from the Responsible Advisers of the Crown, and that an offensive war should have been commenced without imperative and pressing necessity or adequate preparation; and this House further regrets that after the censure passed upon the High Commissioner by Her Majesty's Government in the Despatch of the 19th day of March 1879, the conduct of affairs in *South Africa* should be retained in his hands; and which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "and that a war of "invasion was undertaken with insufficient forces, "notwithstanding the full information in the "possession of Her Majesty's Government of the "strength of the *Zulu* Army, and the warnings "which they had received from Sir *Bartle Frere* "and Lord *Chelmsford* that hostilities were un-"avoidable";

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 29th March, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

East India [Loan.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* [Loan];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant March, That the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Jurors (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Number of Jurors summoned at the late Spring Assizes in each County, County of a Town, City, or Town in *Ireland*:——Of the Total Number of Jurors in each County, &c.:——Of the Dates on which the Jurors were summoned to be present at the Assize Town in each County, &c.:——Of the Dates on which the first Jury (other than the Grand Jury) was sworn in each County, &c.:——Of the Total Number who actually served on Juries in each County, &c.:——And, of the Total Remuneration, if any, given to Jurors in each County, &c.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Convention (*Ireland*) Act, passed in the *Irish* Parliament in the Thirty-third year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Third, and to amend and declare the Law in certain cases in respect to Assemblies and Public Meetings: And that Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *Patrick Smyth*, and Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* do prepare, and bring it in.

Lighting by Electricity.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether it is desirable to authorise Municipal Corporations or other local authorities to adopt any schemes for Lighting by Electricity; and to consider how far, and under what conditions, if at all, Gas or other Public Companies should be authorised to supply Light by Electricity.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

Monday, 31st *March*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

THE House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the *Lancashire* County Justices Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill.

General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

Private Bill [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

Sir *Joseph M'Kenna* presented a Bill to repeal the Convention (*Ireland*) Act, passed in the *Irish* Parliament in the Thirty-third year of the reign of

His

Bill 116.

His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and to amend and declare the Law in certain cases in respect to Assemblies and Public Meetings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Alloa Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Alloa* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

East London Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East *London* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Forth* Bridge Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Glossop Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Glossop* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Protection of Bridge over *London* and South Western Railway), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Westgate and Birchington Water Bill (*changed from* Westgate and Birchington Gas and Water.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Vestry of Saint Pancras Bill [*Lords.*]

The Vestry of *Saint Pancras* Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

Vicars and *Smith*'s Patent Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighth Report.

Irish Church Temporalities.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in *Ireland*, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army (Troops for Natal).

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of the Reinforcements embarked for *South Africa*, showing the Names and Strength of the Regiments, and Number of Horses and Guns, &c.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Public Works Loans.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Public Works Loans.

Entails, &c. (Scotland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant granting Compensation Allowance to *William Pitt Dundas* for Loss of Fees sustained by him as Keeper of the Register of Entails, &c., for the two years ended 15th November 1878.

Superannuations.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *George Thomas Cluett*, Established Blockmaster, *Portsmouth* Yard.

Superannuation Act, 1859.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 1879, placing Her Majesty's Foreign Service Messengers under the Fourth Clause of the Superannuation Act of 1859.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Servia (Commercial, No. 7, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Declaration for regulating provisionally the Commercial Relations between *Great Britain* and *Servia* (signed at *Belgrade*), March 5—17. 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out a recital relating to Provisions for consolidating certain classes of the Company's preference stock, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend "The *Landudno* Improvement Act, 1876"; to authorise the abandonment of certain Waterworks and the construction of other Waterworks instead thereof by the Commissioners acting in execution of the said Act, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to explain and amend the Deed of Settlement of the *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society; to double the Capital and sub-divide the Shares of that Society; and to enable that Society to sue and be sued in the name of a Public Officer; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Conveyances made by the Trustees of the Will of *William Ryder Richardson*, deceased, and to give further Powers for enabling the

the appropriation and sale of Land for Building Sites, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Landudno* Improvement Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Richardson's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Zulu War.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House, while willing to support Her Majesty's Government in all necessary measures for defending the possessions of Her Majesty in *South Africa*, regrets that the ultimatum which was calculated to produce immediate war should have been presented to the *Zulu* King without authority from the Responsible Advisers of the Crown, and that an offensive war should have been commenced without imperative and pressing necessity or adequate preparation; and this House further regrets that after the censure passed upon the High Commissioner by Her Majesty's Government in the Despatch of the 19th day of March 1879, the conduct of affairs in *South Africa* should be retained in his hands; and which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "and that a war "of invasion was undertaken with insufficient "forces, notwithstanding the full information in "the possession of Her Majesty's Government of "the strength of the *Zulu* Army, and the warn-"ings which they had received from Sir *Bartle* "*Frere* and Lord *Chelmsford* that hostilities were "unavoidable."

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 1*st April*, 1879:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Adam*, Lord *Kensington*: } 246.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 306.

So it passed in the Negative.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of May next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Custom Officers (Charge for Overtime.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Amounts charged by the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs at *London* and each of the Outports for working Overtime during the year 1878, distinguishing the Sums charged for the discharge of Vessels being continued over Fourteen Days from all other Overtime Charges; also showing the Amounts returned to the Parties charged, either upon Memorial or otherwise; and showing what Working Hours are considered not liable to such Charges.

Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shaw* be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 1st *April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis.)

That in the case of the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the Promoters forthwith deposit amended copies of the plans showing the width of the roads and footpaths proposed to be made under the Bill, and that a clause be inserted in the Bill prescribing that the width of the said roads and footpaths shall be sixty feet on the *Middlesex* side of the proposed bridge, and forty feet on the *Surrey* side; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to construct a High Level Bridge over the River *Thames*, and other works in connection with such Bridge: And that Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, Mr. *Samuda*, and Mr. *Ritchie* do prepare, and bring it in.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The *London* and South Western, and *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

The *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

The *Tipton* Local Board Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

The *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The *Ilkley* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Lancaster* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Morecambe* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The *Nottingham* Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Preston* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Queenstown* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Warrington* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wisbech* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Sidmouth* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill,

Bill, and amended the same, by stating more fully the grounds for authorising the Trustees of the Right Honourable *John* Lord *Rolle*, deceased, to invest a certain Sum of Money in the Undertaking of the Company, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting the recital as to the spans of certain arches and the width of certain roadways and approaches, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the South *Dublin* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sleaford Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Sleaford* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Severn* Bridge and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

London Street Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 63 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 63, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Tring Poor's Land Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighth Report.

Education.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Revised Regulations as to Certificates of Age, School Attendance, and Proficiency [Education Department].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Inclosure Commission (Special Report.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Special Report by the Inclosure Commissioners relative to the Inclosure of *Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons, in the Parish of *South Hill*, in the County of *Cornwall*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Belgium (Commercial, No. 5, 1879) (Telegraphic Correspondence.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between *Great Britain* and *Belgium* for facilitating the application of a Word Tariff for Telegraphic Correspondence exchanged, by way of *Belgium*, between *Great Britain* and *Germany*. Signed at *London*, December 31, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

New Sinking Fund.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, for a Return relative to the New Sinking Fund.

Railway Passenger Duty.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of March last, for a Return relative to Railway Passenger Duty.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Land Registry.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of March last, for a Return relative to Land Registry.

Spirits.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits distilled in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and the United Kingdom; the Gallons delivered, Duty paid, from Distillers' Stocks, and the Gallons put into Bond, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1878:——The Number of Gallons of Proof *British* Spirits on which Duty was paid in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, with the Rate *per* Gallon, and the Amount of Duty; also, the Total Number of Gallons and Duty in the United Kingdom:——The Number of Gallons of Proof *British* Spirits consumed in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, and the Net Amount of Duty retained thereon:——The Number of Gallons of Proof *British* Spirits removed, Duty free and Duty paid respectively, from each part of the United Kingdom to each of the other parts:——The Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits permitted from Distillers' Stocks and Duty-free Warehouses in each of the three Kingdoms and in the United Kingdom, to Customs' Warehouses for Exportation, Ships' Stores, &c., and the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon:——The Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits in Bonded Stores in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, on the 31st day of December 1878:——The Number of Gallons, at Proof Strength, of Foreign and Colonial Spirits respectively, received into Rectifiers' Stocks for Rectification, and the Total Number of Gallons of Proof *British* Brandy permitted out of Rectifiers' Stocks in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1878:——The Number of Proof Gallons of *British* Compounded Spirits permitted from Rectifiers' Stocks, in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, to Customs' Warehouses for Exportation, Ships' Stores, or Home Consumption, *per* Act 28 & 29 *Vic.* c. 98, and the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon:——

And

And, the Total Number of Gallons of Methylic Alcohol sold by the Excise, and the Total Number of Gallons of Methylated Spirits sent out by persons licensed to sell the same, under the Act 18 & 19 *Vic.* c. 38, in each of the three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, with the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1878 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 178, of Session 1878).

Land Transfer Commission, 1870.

Ordered, That the Report of the Land Transfer Commission, which was presented upon the 8th day of February, in Session 1870, be referred to the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (Blackwater, Essex) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order (*Blackwater, Essex*), Bill, without any Amendment.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for amending the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Medical Act, 1858; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise a sale by the Principal and Scholars of *Brasenose* College, in the University of *Oxford*, to the Governors of *Saint Bartholomew*'s Hospital, of two Houses situate in *Little Britain*, in the City of *London*, within the Gates of the said Hospital; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Saint Bartholomew*'s Hospital Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Wellington College.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the origin, objects, and present administration of *Wellington* College; and to report to Her Majesty whether such administration is or is not in accordance with the conditions, or implied conditions, under which contributions were solicited and obtained from the Army and the Public when the College was founded; and, if not, to advise Her Majesty what alterations in the present system are required, and by what means they can best be effected;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Reginald Yorke*, Mr. *Plunket*: } 60.

Tellers for the Noes, { General *Shute*, Mr. *Parker*: } 67.

So it passed in the Negative.

Co-operative Stores.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Co-operative Stores do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir *Massey Lopes*, Mr. *Otway*, Mr. *Ridley*, Mr. *Blake*, Sir *George Elliot*, Viscount *Macduff*, Mr. *Hardcastle*, Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Ripley*, Mr. *Baxter*, Earl of *Dalkeith*, Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Isaac*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Forsyth*, Mr. *Callan*, and Sir *Charles Russell*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Landlord's Hypothec to cease after 11th November 1880).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out from the word "determined" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words "Provided "that nothing herein contained shall apply to any "claim for rent due," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "within Ten years."

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Landlord's remedy when six months' rent is due and unpaid).

Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Vans Agnew*, Sir *George Douglas*: } 49.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *James Barclay*, Sir *George Balfour*: } 34.

A Clause added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Relief of Insane Poor Bill.

The Relief of Insane Poor Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill.

The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill.

The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 2nd April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

THE *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill was read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Merionethshire* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Burnt Fen First District Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Burnt Fen* First District Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Furness Railway Bill.

The *Furness* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London Tramways Bill.

The *London* Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bridge Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Ninth Report.

Municipal Corporations (Property Qualification Abolition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations (Property Qualification Abolition) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Chamberlain*:	167.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Mr. *Alfred Gathorne Hardy*:	173.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (*Scotland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being a quarter of an hour before six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made under "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867," relating to the Burgh of *Castle Douglas*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,

Financial Statement (1879-80.) No. 128.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Estimate of the Consolidated Fund Charges for the year 1879-80, as compared with the Actual Issues of 1878-79:——And, Statements of Income and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Papers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 3rd *April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

ORDERED, That the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

Mr. *Mills* reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out sundry recitals relating to certain agreements and arrangements between the Company and the *London* and the South Western Railway Company so as to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions (Eighth Report.)

Sir *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 27th, 28th, and 31st days of March last, and the 1st day of this instant April; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Alloa Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the *Alloa* Railway Bill be read the third time after the other Private Business.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

The *Forth* Bridge Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glossop Gas Bill.

The *Glossop* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Westgate and Birchington Water Bill.

The *Westgate* and *Birchington* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for incorporating the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Water Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Alloa Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Alloa* Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill.

A Bill for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to construct a High Level Bridge over the River *Thames*, and other works in connection with such Bridge, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Rathkeale and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Vide Ninth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Works Loans. No. 129.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Works Loans, which was presented upon the 31st day of March last, be printed.

Afghanistan (No. 5.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Report on the Interview at *Ali Musjid* between *British* and *Afghan* Officers on 21st September 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Poor Relief and Friendly Societies.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of March last, for Returns relative to Poor Relief and Friendly Societies.

Wines (Foreign and Colonial.)

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return relative to Wines (Foreign and Colonial).

Guns and Ammunition (South Africa.)

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return relative to Guns and Ammunition (*South Africa*).

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 6th March 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty.

Foreshores.

Copy of Letter from the Treasury, dated 12th March 1879, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, as to the Sum received during the year ended 31st March 1878, on account of Crown Rights in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of *Worcester* College, in the University of *Oxford*, on the 8th October 1878, under the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* Act, 1877, for amending the Statutes of the College, so far as they relate to the Fellowship held by the Bursar of that College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Clare County Writ.

No. 130.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* reported from the Select Committee on *Clare* County Writ; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and come to the following Resolutions; which they had directed him to report to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix:—

That the office of Attorney General of the Colony of *Victoria* is an office or place of profit under the Crown within the meaning of the Statutes in that behalf.

That Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* has, since his Election for the County of *Clare*, accepted the said office, and has thereby, in the opinion of the Committee, vacated his seat.

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day subsequent to Ways and Means be postponed until after the Notice of Motion for leave to bring in the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the *Chester* Cemetery Company to enlarge their Cemetery, and to confer further Powers upon them in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Company to close a portion of the *Monmouthshire* Canal, in the Borough of *Newport*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Board and its Constituent Authorities, and for making Amendments in the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

The West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Tea.

1. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Duties of Customs now charged on Tea shall continue to be levied and charged on and after the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and eighty, on importation into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* (that is to say): on

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Tea - - - - - - - the lb.	- - 6

Cocoa.

2. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the 4th day of April 1879, on Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured, imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in lieu of the Duties now payable on Paste or Chocolate (that is to say):

	£. s. d.
Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured - the lb.	- - 2

Tobacco.

3. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the 4th day of April 1879, on Tobacco Manufactured, *viz.* Segars imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

	£. s. d.
Tobacco Manufactured, *viz.*: Segars - - - - - - the lb.	- 5 6

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Code of Indictable Offences and the Procedure relating thereto;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 4th April, 1879:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, and that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland*, do prepare, and bring it in.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

East India [Loan.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* [Loan];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 1st day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill.

The Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant April, That the Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (*Scotland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861":—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act (1861)," relating to *Ramsgate, Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, Skegness, Strachur* (*Loch Fyne*), *Totland Bay, Westgate*, and *Whitehall* (*Stronsay*).

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Ramsgate, Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, Skegness, Strachur* (*Loch Fyne*), *Totland Bay, Westgate*, and *Whitehall* (*Stronsay*):—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *John G. Talbot* and Viscount *Sandon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Wine Duties.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the system under which Customs Duties are now levied in this Country on Wine, and into its bearings on the fiscal and commercial interests of the Country.

Ordered, That the Select Committee do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *John G. Talbot*, Mr. *Baxter*, Mr. *Phipps*, Mr. *Charles Palmer*, Mr. *Hanbury*, Mr. *Ritchie*, Mr. *Samuelson*, Mr. *Mulholland*, Mr. *Whitwell*, Mr. *Ewart*, Mr. *William Edward Forster*, Mr. *Cobbold*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *Clare Read*, Mr. *Jacob Bright*, Mr. *Christopher Denison*, and Mr. *Cartwright*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Commons.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fawcett* be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Commons.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shaw Lefevre* be added to the Committee.

Lighting by Electricity.

The Select Committee on Lighting by Electricity was nominated of Lord *Lindsay*, Mr. *Spencer Stanhope*, Mr. *Bruce*, Earl *Percy*, Mr. *Alfred Gathorne Hardy*, Mr. *Hardcastle*, Mr. *Heygate*, Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth*, Mr. *Adam*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *Christopher Talbot*, and Mr. *Arthur Moore*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to establish a Code of Indictable Offences and the Procedure relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Bill 118.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Ramsgate, Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, Skegness, Strachur* (*Loch Fyne*), *Totland Bay, Westgate*, and *Whitehall* (*Stronsay*): And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 1.)

Mr. *Evans* reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 4th April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

A MOTION being made, That the *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the *Brighton* and *Hove* General Gas Company to construct additional Works, to acquire Lands, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East London Railway Bill.

The East *London* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for empowering the East *London* Railway Company to acquire additional Lands, for conferring further Rights and Powers upon the Holders of the Debenture Stocks and Preference Stocks of the Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

The *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

The *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Leeds* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Pemberton* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Chester* Cemetery Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit To-morrow, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Birmingham (Corporation) Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Birmingham* (Corporation) Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Bromley Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Bromley* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by limiting the powers of the Company to raising additional Capital, to acquiring additional lands by agreement, and restricting them to the supply of Gas, the reference to other means of lighting having been struck out of the Bill by the promoters, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Portsmouth* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Southend Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Southend* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Richardson's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Llandudno Improvement Bill.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Vicars and *Smith*'s Patent Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Ninth Report.

New Sinking Fund.

No. 131.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the New Sinking Fund, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, be printed.

Wines (Foreign and Colonial.)

No. 132.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wines (Foreign and Colonial), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Army Reserve, Militia, and Militia Reserve.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of further Regulations, &c., for the Discipline and Payment of the Army Reserve, Militia, and Militia Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the *French* "*Code de Commerce*," containing Articles bearing upon Failures and Bankruptcies; and of the *German* Bankruptcy Code.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Vaccination (Scotland.)

Copy of Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Registrar General on the Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered in *Scotland* during the year 1878; and Fourteenth Annual Report on Vaccination.

Official Referees.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Return relative to Official Referees.

Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Intermediate Education Board for *Ireland*, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant, relative to Examination of Students, and Fees.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Indian Home Charges.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sum granted to meet the Charges incurred for the Effective and Non-effective Services of Her Majesty's Regular Forces serving in *India*, for the year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Post Office Telegraphs (Capital Account.)

An Account of Receipts and Payments by the Postmaster General in respect of Telegraph Undertakings, Extensions, &c., for the Year ended 31st March 1878; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Bridlington Piers and Harbour.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of the General Annual Account of the Commissioners of *Bridlington* Piers and Harbour, from the 26th day of July 1877 to the 26th day of July 1878.

Music in Public Elementary Schools.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns giving the Amounts paid in respect of the Grant of One Shilling for Singing (*see* Code, s. 878, s. 19, A 2), out of the several Sums, for the year ended the 31st day of August 1878 (*see* Civil Service Estimates, 1879-80, Class IV. p. 291), assigned to each of the several descriptions of Schools named in the Estimates; showing also the Number of Schools under each description receiving the Shilling Grants:—And, of the Number of Schools of each description reported as disqualified from receiving the Grant.

Army (Regimental Paymasters.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Return showing the Names of Quartermasters and War Office Clerks who have been appointed to Regimental Paymasterships between the 1st day of January 1856 and the 31st day of December 1877, specifying, in the case of the former, their Length of Service in the Army previous to such Appointment, the various Grades in which they served, and the Period in each Grade; whether they are still serving, and, if so, in what Capacity, and, if not now serving, the Circumstances under which they quitted the Service; in the case of the latter, the Length of their Service as War Office Clerks previously to Appointment to Regimental Paymasters; and whether they are still serving, and, if so, in what Capacity, and, if not now serving, the Circumstances under which they quitted the Service.

Railway Bills (Group 8.)

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant April, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Public Income and Expenditure.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Analysed Account of the Public Income and Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1879 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 387, of Session 1878):—Statements of the National Debt on the 31st day of March 1879, specifying the several Items in the Form annexed, and the Total Amount.

National Debt.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of the Amount of the National Debt on the 31st day of March 1879.

	Per Cent.	Amount of Stock.
Funded Debt:—		
Consolidated Annuities - - -	3	
New Annuities - - - -	"	
Reduced Annuities - - -	"	
New Annuities - - - -	3·10	
New Annuities - - - -	2·10	
Bank of England (Debt to) - -	3	
Terminable Annuities:—		
For Details, see Paper A.		
Exchequer Bills - - - -		
Exchequer Bonds - - - -		
Treasury Bills - - - - -		
Deficit to Savings Banks Account - -	£.	
Total Debt - - -	£.	
Deduct:—		
Loans Recoverable - - £.		
Suez Canal Shares - - -		
Net Value of Debt - -	£.	

Paper A.

Statement of Terminable Annuities on the 31st day of March 1879, and their Capital Value.

	Annual Charge.	Capital Value.
	£.	£.
Life Annuities - - - -		
Annuities for Terms of Years - -		
Exchequer Tontine Annuities - -		
Annuities computed at 3 *per Cent.* Interest:		
Per 18 *Vic.* c. 18, expiring 5th April 1885.	116,000	
Per 23 and 24 *Vic.* c. 109, expiring 5th April 1885.	589,722	
Per 26 *Vic.* c. 14, expiring 5th April 1885.		
Per 29 *Vic.* c. 5, expiring before 1st April.	2,165,287	
Per 32 and 33 *Vic.* c. 59, expiring after 1st April.	1,452,558	
Per 35 & 36 *Vic.* c. 68 - - -		
Per 25 *Vic.* c. 39, *Red Sea*, 4th August 1898.		

Government Departments (Securities.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of classified Amounts of various Government Securities held by the several Government Accountants and Departments on the 31st day of March 1879.

National Debt Reduction.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Operations of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the various Sums received from the Exchequer under specified Heads, including Terminable Annuities, Old and New Sinking Fund, and the particular Application thereof.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Grand Junction Canal Bill (*changed from* Grand Junction Canal (Branch Canal to Slough) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to make a Branch Canal to *Slough*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revive and extend the Powers of the *Ardmillan* Reclamation Company, for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and completion of Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dun Drainage Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time granted to the *Dun* Drainage Commissioners for the completion of certain Works; to authorise New Works; to confer further Borrowing Powers, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Grand Junction Canal Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the *Indian* Import Duty on Cotton "Goods being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer "and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, "and this House is of opinion that the expenditure "incurred for the *Afghan* War affords no satisfac-"tory reason for the postponement of the promised "remission of this Duty," instead thereof.

East India (Import Duty on Cotton Goods.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Muntz*, Mr. *Onslow*: } 24.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Briggs*, Mr. *Sidebottom*: } 255.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 5th April, 1879:

And the Question being proposed, That the words "the *Indian* Import Duty on Cotton Goods being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, and this House is of opinion that the expenditure incurred for the *Afghan* War affords no satisfactory reason for the postponement of the promised remission of this Duty," be added, instead thereof;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the word "Goods," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "is a Tax which ought "ultimately to be abolished; but that, in view of "the present state of *Indian* finances, it is highly "inexpedient to deal with the matter at the pre-"sent moment," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, and this House," stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Courtney*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*: } 38.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 242.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, and this House" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words "being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, and this House," stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Briggs*, Mr. *Sidebottom*: } 239.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Ernest Noel*, Mr. *Christopher Denison*: } 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "is

"is of opinion that the expenditure incurred for the *Afghan* War affords no satisfactory reason for the postponement of the promised remission of this Duty" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Briggs*, Mr. *Kynaston Cross*: } 84.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 166.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding after the words "this House," the words "views with "approval the recent reduction in these Duties as "an important step towards their total abolition, "to which Her Majesty's Government are "pledged."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Meldon*, Mr. *Cole*: } 62.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 161.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding after the words "this House," the words "accepts the "recent reduction in these Duties as a step towards "their total abolition, to which Her Majesty's "Government are pledged."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the *Indian* Import Duty on Cotton Goods being "unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the "*English* producer ought to be abolished, and "this House accepts the recent reduction in these "Duties as a step towards their total abolition, to "which Her Majesty's Government are pledged," be added to the word "That" in the original Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That the *Indian* Import Duty on Cotton Goods being unjust alike to the *Indian* consumer and the *English* producer ought to be abolished, and this House accepts the recent reduction in these Duties as a step towards their total abolition, to which Her Majesty's Government are pledged.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Tea.

1. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Duties of Customs now charged on Tea shall continue to be levied and charged on and after the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and eighty, on importation into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* (that is to say): on

	£. s. d.
Tea - - - - - - - the lb.	- - 6

Cocoa.

2. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the 4th day of April, 1879, on Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured, imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in lieu of the Duties now payable on Paste or Chocolate (that is to say):—

	£. s. d.
Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured - - the lb.	- - 2

Tobacco.

3. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the 4th day of April 1879, on Tobacco Manufactured, *viz.*, Segars imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):—

	£. s. d.
Tobacco Manufactured, *viz.*: Segars - - - - - the lb.	- 5 6

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Customs and Inland Revenue.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Bill 119.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas) Bill.

Bill 120.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867," relating to the Burgh of *Castle Douglas*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Merchant Shipping.

No. 133.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Tables showing the Progress of *British* Merchant Shipping.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant April.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Jurors' Remuneration Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Jurors' Remuneration Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of May next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 7th April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

MR. *Massey* reported from the Select Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill; That they had considered the Instruction of the House of Friday the 14th of March, and were of opinion that, subject to certain Provisions which they had inserted in the Bill, it is expedient to authorise the Company from time to time to purchase by agreement or take on lease or otherwise provide, and to establish and hold booking and receiving offices and other premises for the collection, reception, and booking and delivery of goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over their Railway, and to collect, receive, book, and invoice any such goods, parcels, and other matters and things; and to make and carry into effect any such contracts or agreements with any other Railway Company or Companies with regard to the collection, reception, booking, or invoicing of any goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over the Railways of the respective Companies so contracting, or any or either of them.

Mr. *Massey* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to agreements between the *London* and North Western, and the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Companies, and by amending the recitals relating to the providing of booking offices and to the consolidation of stocks and the dissolution of certain other Railway Companies and otherwise, so as to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Midland Railway Bill.

Mr. *Massey* reported from the Select Committee on the Midland Railway Bill; That they had considered the Instruction of the House of Friday the 14th of March, and were of opinion that, subject to certain Provisions which they had inserted in the Bill, it is expedient to authorise the Company from time to time to purchase by agreement or take on lease or otherwise provide, and to establish and hold booking and receiving offices and other premises for the collection, reception, and booking and delivery of goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over their Railway, and to collect, receive, book, and invoice any such goods, parcels, and other matters and things; and to make and carry into effect any such contracts or agreements with any other Railway Company or Companies with regard to the collection, reception, booking, or invoicing of any goods, parcels, and other matters and things intended to be carried upon or over the Railways of the respective Companies so contracting, or any or either of them.

Mr. *Massey* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital relating to the West *Kensington* Goods Station, and by amending the recital relating to the providing of booking offices, so as to make the same consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

The *Merionethshire* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Birmingham* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Severn Bridge* and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Sidmouth* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sleaford Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Sleaford* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *South Dublin* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Lancashire* County Justices Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

The *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill, was read a second time; and committed.

London Street Tramways Bill.

The *London* Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the *Tring* Poor's Land Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

The *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Dun Drainage Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dun* Drainage Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That Standing Order 129 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Standing Orders (Table of Fees.)

The House was moved that the Standing Order of the House, Table of Fees, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the item "For Riding Charges, if on any Private Bill, or matter, per mile 1 *s.*," be omitted from the said Table of Fees.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Derby* Improvement Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Lancaster* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Leicester* Corporation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Morecambe* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Preston* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Queenstown* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *South Shields* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Warrington* Corporation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the *Wisbech* Gas Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:—

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill.

West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Land Drainage Provisional Order (*Bispham*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:—

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Vide Votes, and Ninth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Land Registry.

No. 134.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land Registry, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, be printed.

Railway Passenger Duty.

No. 135.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Railway Passenger Duty, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, be printed.

Poor Relief and Friendly Societies.

No. 136.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief and Friendly Societies, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Army (Indian Home Charges.)

No. 137.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account relative to the Army (*Indian* Home Charges), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant April, be printed.

Post Office Telegraphs (Capital Account.)

No. 138.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Post Office Telegraphs (Capital Account), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant April, be printed.

Universal Postal Union (Convention of Paris.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Convention of *Paris*, signed June 1878, forming an Universal Postal Union.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Cyprus (Forces Employed, &c.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of February last, for Returns relative to *Cyprus* (Forces Employed, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Egypt (No. 2, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Finances of *Egypt*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Loan Fund Board (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-first Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Loan Fund Board of *Ireland*, pursuant to the Act 6 & 7 *Vic.* c. 91, for 1878.

Turnpike Trusts (England and Wales.)

Local Government Board, Turnpike Trusts. An Abstract of the General Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the several Turnpike Trusts in *England* and *Wales*, from 1st January 1877 to 31st December 1877, inclusive, pursuant to the Act 3 & 4 *Will.* 4, c. 80.

Solar Physics, &c.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of March last, for a Return relative to Solar Physics, &c.

Convicts Theodoridi and Gorlero.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Convicts *Theodoridi* and *Gorlero*.

Highway Districts (Mileage and Expenditure.)

No. 139.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of March in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Mileage and Expenditure of Highway Districts in *England* and *North Wales*, under 25 & 26 *Vic.* c. 61, and 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 101, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1876.

Polling Districts (Borough of Stockport.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Council of the Borough of *Stockport*, in the several Counties of *Chester* and *Lancaster*, dividing the Borough into Polling Districts, with a description of such Districts.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Copy of Order by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Act, 1877, for the discontinuance of the North Prison at *Leicester*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Highway Districts (Mileage and Expenditure) be printed.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2269] of March 1879).

Canada (New Customs Tariff.)

Copy of Despatch from the Governor General of *Canada* respecting the New Customs Tariff.

University Education (Ireland.)

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved,

Solicitors (Preliminary Examinations.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Orders dispensing with the Preliminary Examinations on General Knowledge before entering into Articles of Clerkship (required by the Solicitors' Acts, 1860 and 1877) granted during the years 1877 and 1878, specifying by whom such Orders were granted.

Army (Royal Engineer, &c. Officers.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Nominal Return of all Officers of the Royal Engineers and Artillery who are now holding Commands or Civil, Military, or Staff (General or Regimental) Appointments, including the Posts of C.R.E. or C.R.A., which give them any Emoluments in Excess of the Regimental Pay of their respective Ranks, and stating in each instance the amount of such Extra Pay, also showing the Station at which each Officer is serving, and the Command, Appointment, or Post he holds.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum showing the principal changes proposed to be made in the existing Law by the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill, as settled by the Criminal Code Commissioners.

Clare County Writ.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on the *Clare* County Writ;

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Cockermouth Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Cockermouth*, in the room of *Isaac Fletcher*, Esquire, deceased.

London School Board (Temporary Loans.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Correspondence with the *London* School Board with reference to Temporary Loans obtained by that Board:——And, of the Opinions of the Attorney General and of the Solicitor General thereon.

Wills Proved, &c.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Wills proved in the United Kingdom in the Years 1876 and 1877, stating the Aggregate Amount under which they were sworn in each Year:——And, showing the Amount of the Legacy and Succession Duties received in each Month from April to February inclusive in the Years 1877-8 and 1878-9, distinguishing between the Sums collected in *London* and in the Country.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 121.

The Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no measure for the Discipline of the Army "will be satisfactory which does not secure to "every officer accused of any military offence a "speedy and impartial trial by a military tribunal, "selected under regulations enacted by Parliament, in such a manner as to ensure that the "constitution of the court shall be free from any "suspicion of favouritism or prejudice, and act "under the rules of evidence governing ordinary "legal tribunals, and which moreover does not "provide that any military officer accused of a "military offence shall be tried by a Court Martial, and not by the secret and informal proceedings of Courts of Inquiry," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 8th April 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 138.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Major *O'Beirne*: } 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 21st day of this instant April.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Powers of local authority for supply of water).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Watch-cases (Hall-marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch-cases (Hall-marking) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant April.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 18th day of this instant April.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill.

The Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Amendment of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*, and for the Establishment of an efficient Audit of the Accounts of Parochial Boards and School Boards in *Scotland*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Noxious Gases.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the more effectual Condensation of Noxious and Offensive Gases in Alkali and other Works: And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, Viscount *Sandon*, Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*, and Mr. *Salt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Lighting by Electricity.

Ordered, That Mr. *Puleston* and Mr. *Rylands* be added to the Select Committee on Lighting by Electricity.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland.)

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to the granting of Certificates for the Sale of Excisable Liquors in *Scotland*, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the granting of Certificates for the Sale of Excisable Liquors in *Scotland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the granting of Certificates for the Sale of Excisable Liquors in *Scotland*:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Mark Stewart*, Sir *George Douglas*, Dr. *Cameron*, and Sir *Graham Montgomery* do prepare, and bring it in.

Coroners Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Coroners Bill do consist of Nineteen Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verner* and Mr. *Briggs* be added to the Committee.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill. Bill 122.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill for the further Amendment of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*, and for the Establishment of an efficient Audit of the Accounts of Parochial Boards and School Boards in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Noxious Gases Bill. Bill 123.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to provide for the more effectual Condensation of Noxious and Offensive Gases in Alkali and other Works: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill. Bill 124.

Mr. *Mark Stewart* presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the granting of Certificates for the Sale of Excisable Liquors in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

County Courts Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the County Courts Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of May next.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant April, on the Land Tax Commissioners Names Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 15th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Mr.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences.) No. 140.

Mr. Attorney General presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till Thursday the 17th day of this instant April.

Thursday, 17*th April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

THE *Leeds* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

The House preceeded to take into consideration the *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Portsmouth* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Llandudno* Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Richardson's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill.

The *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

London Gaslight Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Grand Junction Canal Bill.

Chester Cemetery Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Castle Douglas*) Bill.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Private Bills Petition (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:

Preston Tramways Extension.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Ninth Report.

University Education (Ireland.) No. 141.

Ordered, That the Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant April, be printed.

Explosions (Hall's Gunpowder Factory.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the Circumstances attending the Explosion of a Glazing House in Messrs. *Hall*'s Gunpowder Factory at the *Marsh, Faversham*, on the 21st February 1879, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Music in Public Elementary Schools.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant April, for Returns relative to Music in Public Elementary Schools.

Polling Districts (Liverpool.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of *Liverpool*, under the Representation of the People Act, 1867, the Ballot Act, 1872, the Municipal Elections Act, 1875, and the Parliamentary and Municipal Registration Act, 1878, for the division of the said Borough into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March last,—A Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1879, approving a Proposal from the Admiralty, that an Excess on the Amount voted by Parliament under Sub-head M. of Vote 14, Navy Estimates, should be met by Savings on Navy Votes generally for 1878-9.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

High Court of Justice (Chancery Division.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Order by the Treasury, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, increasing the Salaries of Three of the Junior Clerks in the Chambers of the Vice Chancellor Sir *Charles Hall*.

Cumberland (Eastern Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Eastern Division of the

the County of *Cumberland*, in the room of the Honourable *Charles Wentworth George Howard*, deceased.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, tranquillity "in the East demands that satisfaction be given "to the just claims of *Greece*, and no satisfaction "can be considered adequate that does not ensure "execution of the recommendations embodiedn "Protocol 13 of the *Berlin* Congress," instead thereof.

Greece.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 63.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Cartwright*, Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*: } 47.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.29,540, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of Royal Palaces.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 28th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill, and General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill.

Ordered, That the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill, and the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill, be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Land Drainage Provisional Order (*Bispham* &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 25th day of this instant April.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day six "months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions (Costs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider of confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Cromarty*, *Fortrose*, *Lybster*, *Penzance*, and *Torquay*:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Cromarty*, *Fortrose*, *Lybster*, *Penzance*, and *Torquay*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Cromarty*, *Fortrose*, *Lybster*, *Penzance*, and *Torquay*:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *John G. Talbot* and Viscount *Sandon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to *Cromarty*, *Fortrose*, *Lybster*, *Penzance*, and *Torquay*: And the same was read the first time.

Bill 125.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Clare County Writ.

The Order for taking into consideration, this day, the Report from the Select Committee on the *Clare* County Writ, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration upon Friday the 25th day of this instant April.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 18*th April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

THE *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

The *Pemberton* Local Board Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Severn* Bridge and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

The *Sidmouth* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sleaford Water Bill.

The *Sleaford* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

The South *Dublin* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Saint Bartholomew's* Hospital Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the *Teign Valley* Railway Extension Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of May next.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The *Blackburn* Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Lancaster* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The *Morecambe* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Preston* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

The *Queenstown* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Tring* Poor's Land Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient to sanction the "sale of the *Tring* Poor's Allotment until a local "and public inquiry has been held as to the ex-"pediency of the sale, and the possibility of "exchanging the allotment for other land more "suitably adapted for purposes of recreation and "for garden allotments for the labouring poor, as "contemplated by the 19th section of 'The Com-"mons Act, 1876.'"

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Warrington* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wisbech* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

A Petition of the *Knutsford* Gas and Water Company, Limited, praying that provision may be made in the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, to confer on the said Company power to purchase compulsorily for the purposes of their Undertaking the Lands in the parishes of *Mobberley* and *Nether Knutsford*, otherwise *Knutsford Inferior*, both in the County of *Chester*, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Ninth Report.

Music in Public Elementary Schools.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Music in Public Elementary Schools, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

No. 142.

Netherlands (Telegraphic Correspondence) (Commercial, No. 8, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations for the conduct of Telegraphic Correspondence between *Great Britain* and the *Netherlands*, in substitution for the Regulations contained in Articles 4 and 6 of the Agreement of December 19th, 1870. Signed at the *Hague*, March 7th, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st April 1879, awarding a Special Pension to Mr. *William H. Hodgson*, one of the Assistant Solicitors of the Treasury.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 7th April 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their Retirement.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Electors, &c.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Electors in each County and Borough; Returning Officer's Charges at the last General Election in each County and Borough; Number of Inhabited Houses in each County and Borough when last Census

Census was taken; and Amount per Head per Householder for Returning Officer's Charges:—

Name of County or Borough.	Number of Electors.	Returning Officer's Charges.	Number of Inhabited Houses in 1871.	Amount per Head per Householder.
				£. s. d.

Duration of Parliament Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next, the Duration of Parliament Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bruce* have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of ill health.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the incidence of rating for water supply and sewerage, and report what amendments, if any, it is advisable to make," instead thereof.

Water Supply and Sewerage.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 29,540, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of Royal Palaces;

Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 2,475, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance and Repair of *Marlborough* House.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 94,261, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 94,076, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 94,111, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 33.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 56.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,930, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 25,180, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Monk*: } 20.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 48.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £. 97,255, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings.

6. £. 13,285, to complete the Sum for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments.

7. £. 153,134, to complete the Sum for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in *Great Britain*.

8. £. 38,750, to complete the Sum for New Buildings for County Courts, Maintenance and Repair of Courts, supply of Furniture, Fuel, &c., and other Charges attendant thereon.

9. £. 18,018, to complete the Sum for the Metropolitan Police Court Buildings.

10. £. 6,803, to complete the Sum for one-half of the Expenses of Erecting or Improving Court Houses or Offices for the Sheriff Courts in *Scotland*, and the Expense of Maintaining Courts so Erected or Improved.

11. £. 99,300, to complete the Sum for the Purchase of a Site, Erection of Building, and other Expenses for the New Courts of Justice and Offices belonging thereto.

12. £. 111,100, to complete the Sum for the Survey of the United Kingdom, including the Revision of the Survey of *Ireland*, Maps for use in Proceedings before the Land Judges in *Ireland*, publication of Maps and engraving the Geological Survey.

13. £. 17,386, to complete the Sum for erecting and maintaining New Buildings, including Rents, &c., for the Department of Science and Art.

14. £. 3,919, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance and Repair of the *British* Museum Buildings, for Rents of Premises, supply of Water, Fuel, &c., and other Charges attendant thereon.

15. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 39,476, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Erection of a Natural History Museum:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 34,476, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Erection of a Natural History Museum;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *Whitwell*: } 10.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 57.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

16. £. 16,800, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of New Buildings for the University of *Edinburgh*.

17. £. 14,062, to complete the Sum for Maintaining certain Harbours, &c. under the Board of Trade.

18. £. 153,856, to complete the Sum for Rates and

and Contributions in lieu of Rates in respect of Government Property, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department.

19. £. 7,500, to complete the Sum for the Contribution towards the Funds for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Fire Brigade in the Metropolis.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 122,644, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Erection, Repairs, and Maintenance of the several Public Buildings under the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

20. £. 10,110, to complete the Sum for certain Lighthouses Abroad.

21. £. 19,216, to complete the Sum for Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

22. £. 36,244, to complete the Sum for the Offices of the House of Lords.

23. £. 41,711, to complete the Sum for the Offices of the House of Commons.

24. £. 49,815, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel.

25. £. 74,302, to complete the Sum for the Home Department.

26. £. 59,890, to complete the Sum for the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

27. £. 32,617, to complete the Sum for the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

28. £. 25,304, to complete the Sum for the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and Subordinate Departments.

29. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Privy Seal;

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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	57.
Tellers for the Noes,	Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*, Mr. *Dillwyn*:	25.

30. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 138,776, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill.

The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill.

The General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 12th day of May next.

Business of the House.

The Order for taking into further consideration, upon Thursday next, the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said proposed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next

Monday, 21*st April*, 1879

PRAYERS.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

THE *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

The *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill be read the third time after the other Private Business.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

The *Portsmouth* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence:

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

The *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Midland Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hamilton Burgh Bill (1878.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Hamilton* Burgh Bill, in Session 1878, be referred to the Committee on the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

Preston Tramways Extension.

A Petition of the *Preston* Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the *Preston* Tramways Company to extend their Tramways, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Cork and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the following Bill, *viz.*:

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Tenth Report. Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 17th April 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *John Chick*, Hired Skilled Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Loans raised in England.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in *England* under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1879, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-yaer, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

East India (Liabilities in England.)

Return of all Stocks, Loans, Debts, and Liabilities in *England* chargeable on the Revenues of *India* at the close of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1879, with Rates and Amount of Interest, showing the Changes which have taken place in the half-year in respect to the Debts incurred and paid off or discharged.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Sugar Drawbacks (Commercial, No. 9, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Sugar Question (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, C. 2111, presented August 1878).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statement showing (1.) The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in *Scotland* in the year 1878 upon Building Grants, and Annual Grants to Elementary Schools; and, (2.) The Results of the Inspection and Examination of Elementary Schools during the year ending 31st August 1878.

Education (England and Wales.)

Statement showing, 1. The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in *England* and *Wales* in the year 1878, upon Building Grants, and Annual Grants to Elementary Schools; and, 2. The Results of the Inspection and Examination of Elementary Schools during the year ending 31st August 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railway Accidents.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties, as reported to the Board of Trade, by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom, during the Months of January, February and March 1879, in pursuance of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871 (34 & 35 *Vic.* cap. 78); together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of

of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Agricultural Tenancies.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Forms of Lease and Agreement for Agricultural Tenancies held in various Districts under the Bodies enumerated below, so as to afford a fair representation of the general conditions under which Farms are held from those Bodies:—

1. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners;
2. The Duchy of *Lancaster*;
3. The Office of Woods and Forests;
4. The Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and the Colleges within the same;
5. *Eton* College;
6. The Foundation known as "The Hospital of *Edward* late King of *England* of *Christ*," sometimes called *Christ*'s Hospital;
7. *Greenwich* Hospital.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition *(Scotland)* Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Wine (Quantities and Alcoholic Strength.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Customs of the Quantities of Wine, with their respective Alcoholic Strengths, introduced into *Great Britain* during the year 1876.

Bushel Measure.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Memoranda concerning the Bushel Measure, referred to in the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, 41 & 42 *Vic.* c. 49, Clause 16, Cubic Contents, Linear Dimensions, &c.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day subsequent to the Committee of Supply be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relative to Banking and Joint Stock Companies.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 24,699, to complete the Sum for the Charity Commission for *England* and *Wales*.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,282, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,282, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Rylands*:	94.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	110.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £. 13,907, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission.

4. £. 6,890, to complete the Sum for the Imprest Expenses under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts.

5. £. 45,450, to complete the Sum for the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General of the Exchequer, including the Chancery Audit Branch.

6. £. 4,935, to complete the Sum for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 317,123, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board, including various Grants in aid of Local Taxation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £. 315,123, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board, including various grants in aid of Local Taxation:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 177,123, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board, including various Grants in aid of Local Taxation:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

8. £. 12,364, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in *England*.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 53,065, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 50,065, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Rylands*:	65.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	111.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

10. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,892, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,192, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,343, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act, the Registration of Trade Marks Act, and the Registration of Designs Act:

Whereupon

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,803, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act, the Registration of Trade Marks Act, and the Registration of Designs Act;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies.

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to Banking and Joint Stock Companies, might be read; and the same being read;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 22*nd April*, 1879:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies, and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies, and for other purposes:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Supply [18th April] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Royal Palaces.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 29,540, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of Royal Palaces.

Marlborough House.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,475, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of *Marlborough* House.

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 94,261, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

Houses of Parliament (Buildings.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,930, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament.

Public Buildings, &c.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 97,255, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings; for providing the necessary Supply of Water; for Rents of Houses hired for the temporary Accommodation of Public Departments, and Charges attendant thereon, &c.

Public Departments (Furniture.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,285, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments.

Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings, &c.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 153,134, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in *Great Britain*, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

County Courts (Buildings, &c.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 38,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for New Buildings for County Courts, Maintenance and Repair of Courts, supply of Furniture, Fuel, &c., and other Charges attendant thereon.

Metropolitan Police Court Buildings.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 18,018, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Metropolitan Police Court Buildings.

Court Houses or Offices (Scotland.)

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 6,803, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for one-half of the Expenses of Erecting or Improving Court Houses or Offices for the Sheriff Courts in *Scotland*, and the Expense of Maintaining Courts so Erected or Improved.

New Courts of Justice and Offices.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 99,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Purchase of a Site, Erection of Building, and other Expenses for the New Courts of Justice and Offices belonging thereto.

Surveys, &c.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, including the Revision of the Survey of *Ireland*, Maps for use in proceedings before the Land Judges in *Ireland*, publication of Maps, and engraving the Geological Survey.

Science and Art Department (New Buildings.)

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 17,386, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st

31st day of March 1880, for erecting and maintaining new Buildings, including Rents, &c., for the Department of Science and Art.

British Museum Buildings.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,919, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance and Repair of the *British* Museum Buildings, for Rents of Premises, supply of Water, Fuel, &c., and other Charges attendant thereon.

Natural History Museum.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 39,476, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Erection of a Natural History Museum.

University of Edinburgh (New Buildings.)

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 16,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for a Grant in Aid of new Buildings for the University of *Edinburgh*.

Harbours, &c. (Board of Trade.)

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 14,062, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for maintaining certain Harbours, &c., under the Board of Trade.

Rates on Government Property, &c.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 153,856, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates in respect of Government Property, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department.

Fire Brigade (Metropolis.)

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Contribution towards the Funds for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Fire Brigade in the Metropolis.

Lighthouses Abroad.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,110, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for erecting and maintaining certain Lighthouses Abroad.

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,216, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, including Rents and Furniture, and for the Maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

House of Lords.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 36,244, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords.

House of Commons.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 41,711, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Commons.

Treasury.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 49,815, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, including Parliamentary Counsel.

Home Office.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 74,302, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

Foreign Office.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 59,890, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Colonial Office.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 32,617, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Privy Council Office.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 25,304, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and Subordinate Departments.

Office of the Lord Privy Seal.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Privy Seal.

Board of Trade.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 138,776, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 1st day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas) Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Castle Douglas*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

The Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 5th day of May next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton-under-Lyne, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of *Ashton-under-Lyne*, the Local Government District of *Blackrod*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Burton-on-Trent* Union, the Local Government District of *Chelmsford*, the Borough of *Cheltenham*, the Local Government District of *Ealing*, the Boroughs of *Jarrow*, *Maidstone*, *Newport* (*Monmouthshire*), and *Penzance*, the Local Government District of *Prestwich*, the Rural Sanitary Districts of the *Rugby* Union and *Southam* Union, the Local Government Districts of *Swinton* and *Pendlebury* and *Torquay*, and the Improvement Act District of West *Hartlepool*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878)": And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act, (1865)": And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 126.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton under Lyne, &c.) Bill.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of *Ashton-under-Lyne*, the Local Government District of *Blackrod*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Burton-on-Trent* Union, the Local Government District of *Chelmsford*, the Borough of *Cheltenham*, the Local Government District of *Ealing*, the Boroughs of *Jarrow*, *Maidstone*, *Newport* (*Monmouthshire*), and *Penzance*, the Local Government District of *Prestwich*, the Rural Sanitary Districts of the *Rugby* Union and *Southam* Union, the Local Government Districts of *Swinton* and *Pendlebury* and *Torquay*, and the Improvement Act District of West *Hartlepool*: And the same was read the first time.

Bill 127.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to amend "The Public Health (*Ireland*) Act, 1878": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 128.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to amend "The Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act, 1865": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 129.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 22*nd April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

1. That, in the case of the *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

2. That, in the case of the *Vicars* and *Smith*'s Patent Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Medway Docks.

3. That, in the case of the *Medway* Docks, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

East Retford Water Bill.

Sir *Joseph Bailey* reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the *East Retford* Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Birmingham* Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Chester* Cemetery Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Grand Junction Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London Gas Light Company Bill.

The *London* Gas Light Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

The West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.

The Order, made upon the 3rd day of March last, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Cardiff Improvement Bill (1875.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Cardiff* Improvement Bill, in Session 1875, be referred to the Committee on the *Cardiff* Corporation Bill.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the *Vicars* and *Smith*'s Patent Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported *Richardson*'s Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Tramways.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Tramways; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Lancashire and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the following Bill, *viz.*:

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Ninth Report.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

East India (Loans raised in England.) No. 143.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Loans raised in *England*), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

East India (Liabilities in England.) No. 144.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Liabilities in *England*), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

Marriages, Births, and Deaths (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourteenth Detailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in *Ireland*, 1877.

Militia (Voluntary Enlistment) Act, 1875.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications lodged with the Clerks of the Peace or Clerks of Lieutenancy in *Ireland*, by Deputy Lieutenants in *Ireland*, during the year 1878, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy Regulations (France, Germany, and England.)

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Regulations of the Navies of *France* and *Germany*, showing,—

1. The Average Pay and Allowances of an Ordinary Seaman and Petty Officer;

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2. The Average Amount of Pension received by a Seaman or Petty Officer on his quitting the Service;
3. The Provision, if any, made by the Government for the Widows and Families of Seamen and Petty Officers losing their Lives in the Public Service;
4. The Average Pay and Allowances of Ordinary Seamen and Petty Officers in the *British* Royal Naval Service;
5. The Average Amount of Pension received by Seamen and Petty Officers at the expiration of their Term of Service.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 3, 1879) (Crete.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *Crete*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bushel Measure.

Viscount *Sandon* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Bushel Measure referred to in "The Weights and Measures Act, 1878."

Ramsgate Harbour.

Viscount *Sandon* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade, for the year ended 31st March 1878, together with an Account of the Receipt and Issue of Stores; and also Receipts and Payments on account of the Benefit Fund.

Lighthouses Abroad.

Statement of the Amount expended in the year 1877–78 for the Maintenance and Construction of Lighthouses in *British* Possessions Abroad for which Tolls are levied under the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act (18 & 19 *Vic.* c. 91), and the Amount of Tolls received and Money borrowed for the purposes of Construction, under the *Basses* Lights Act, 1869 and 1872.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Sale of Arms.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Arms sold by the Government in the years 1875, 1876, and 1877, either by Tender or by Public Sale, specifying whether serviceable or unserviceable, whether Breech Loading or Muzzle Loading, and the Prices obtained.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Select Committees (Nomination.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Committee be appointed, to consist of Seven Members, to be called the Committee of Nomination for Select Committees on Public Bills and other matters:

That such Committee shall, unless otherwise ordered by the House, nominate Members to serve on all Select Committees to which Public Bills or other matters may be referred:—It passed in the Negative.

Sugar Industries.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the injurious effect upon the Home and Colonial Sugar industries of the system prevailing in various countries of giving bounties on the export of Sugar, and to report whether, in their opinion, any remedial measures can be devised by Parliament;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the first word "to" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "inquire into the effects produced upon the "Home and Colonial Sugar industries of this "Country by the systems of taxation, drawbacks, "and bounties on the exportation of Sugar now "in force in various Foreign Countries; and to "report what steps, if any, it is desirable to take "in order to obtain redress for any evils that may "be found to exist," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "inquire into the effects produced upon the Home and Colonial Sugar industries of this Country by the systems of taxation, drawbacks, and bounties on the exportation of Sugar now in force in various Foreign Countries, and to report what steps, if any, it is desirable to take in order to obtain redress for any evils that may be found to exist," be added, instead thereof;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the words "if any," the words "other than the "imposition of compensatory duties."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Lord *Kensington*, Lord *Frederick Cavendish*:	43.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	70.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "inquire into the effects produced upon the Home "and Colonial Sugar industries of this Country "by the systems of taxation, drawbacks, and "bounties on the exportation of Sugar now in "force in various Foreign Countries, and to report "what steps, if any, it is desirable to take in "order to obtain redress for any evils that may be "found to exist," be added to the word "to" in the Original Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Sugar Industries.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the effects produced upon the Home and Colonial Sugar industries of this Country by the systems of taxation, drawbacks, and bounties on the exportation of Sugar now in force in various Foreign Countries, and to report what steps, if any, it is desirable to take in order to obtain redress for any evils that may be found to exist.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 6th day of May next.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The Companies Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions (Costs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Supply [21st April] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Charity Commission.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 24,699, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for *England* and *Wales*.

Civil Service Commission.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,282, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,907, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission.

Inclosure and Drainage Acts (Imprest Expenses.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 6,890, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Imprest Expenses under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts.

Exchequer and Audit Department.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 45,450, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General of the Exchequer, including the Chancery Audit Branch.

Registry of Friendly Societies.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,935, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Local Government Board and Local Taxation.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 317,123, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board, including various Grants in aid of Local Taxation.

Lunacy Commissioners (England.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 12,364, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in *England*.

Mint and Coinage.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 53,065, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage.

National Debt Office.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,892, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed. Bill 130.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Vide Tenth Report.

Bushel Measure.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Bushel Measure, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant April, be printed. No. 145.

Ramsgate Harbour.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to *Ramsgate* Harbour, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant April, be printed. No. 146.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Ulster Tenant Right Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Ulster* Tenant Right Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Macartney*, Mr. *William Wilson*: } 131.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Leslie*, Mr. *Mulholland*: } 146.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

The Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 13th day of May next.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 6th day of May next.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 7th day of May next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of May next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 2nd day of this instant April, That the Joint Stock Banks (Auditing of Accounts) (*Scotland*) Bill, be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Co-operative Stores.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Co-operative Stores do consist of Nineteen Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Arthur Mills* and Mr. *Sheil* be added to the Committee.

Animal Vaccination.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage Vaccination by providing facilities for the optional use of Animal Vaccine: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Earl *Percy*, Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, and Dr. *Lush* do prepare, and bring it in.

Statute Law Revision (Ireland)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for promoting the Revision of the Statute Law of *Ireland*: And that Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* and Mr. *James Lowther* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Borough of *Waterford* and to the Town of *Bangor*: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

Mr. *Evans* reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the words "and the *Whitechapel* District Board" (in this Act called the *Whitechapel* Board), and by making certain verbal Amendments to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension Bill had stated that the evidence of *George Crookston* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *George Crookston* do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *George Crookston* do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Animal Vaccination Bill.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to encourage Vaccination by providing facilities for the optional use of Animal Vaccine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of July next; and to be printed.

Bill 131.

Statute Law Revision (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* presented a Bill for promoting the Revision of the Statute Law of *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of May next; and to be printed.

Bill 132.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

Bill 133.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Borough of *Waterford* and to the Town of *Bangor*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 24th April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Ninth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 17th, 18th, 21st, and 22nd days of this instant April; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The *Birmingham* Gas Bill was read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Midland Railway Bill.

The Midland Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

Sir *Joseph Bailey* reported from the Committee on the *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir *Joseph Bailey* further reported from the said Committee; That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 1.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

Mr. *Paget* reported the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

Mr. *Paget* reported from the Committee on the *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bath Corporation Bill.

Sir *Wilfrid Lawson* reported from the Committee on the *Bath* Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the words "a Bill should be promoted in Parliament for giving effect to the objects of this Act," and inserting the words "the expense in relation to promoting the Bill for this Act should be charged on the Borough Fund and Borough Rate," and otherwise verbally amending the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Public Petitions.

Vide Tenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Land Tax.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—A Statement of the Expenses incurred under the Acts for the Redemption of the Land Tax, and for discharging the Incidental Expenses attending the execution of those Acts, from the 31st March 1878 to the 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Explosions (Gunpowder Factory, Dartford.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Gunpowder in the Extracting House of the Gunpowder Factory of Messrs. *Pigou, Wilks*, & *Lawrence* (Limited), at *Dartford*, on the 11th March 1879; by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Polling Districts (Blackburn.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Council of the Borough of *Blackburn* for the re-division of the Borough into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statistical Abstract (Colonies.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial and other Possesions of the United Kingdom in each year from 1863 to 1877. Fifteenth Number.

Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870 (Herts and Essex, and Shoreham and District.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade under "The Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870," with respect to the application of the Promoters of the *Herts* and *Essex* and the *Shoreham* and District Water Provisional Orders, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Canal Boats.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Canal Boats registered with

with each Registration Authority, in accordance with "The Canal Boats Act, 1878":——And, of the Total Number of Persons for the accommodation of whom such Boats have been registered by each Authority, specifying the Number of Men, Women, and Children.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Dover and Deal Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Downpatrick) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming a certain Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to Waterworks in the Poor Law Union of *Downpatrick*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cashel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Towns of *Cashel, Enniscorthy, Holywood, Kells, Templemore, Wicklow*, and *Youghal*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Tramways.

The Lords communicate Copy of Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on Tramways; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix, as desired by this House.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

National Expenditure.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House views with regret the great "increase in the National Expenditure," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 25th April, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Appointment of solicitor for public prosecutions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words "an officer," in order to insert the words "any number of officers not exceeding "ten."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "solicitor for public prosecu-"tions," in order to insert the words "public "prosecutor."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by, leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Establishment of office of solicitor for public prosecutions).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "No assistant "director of public prosecutions shall be ap-"pointed for any longer term than five years; but "any person vacating his office by reason of this "provision may be re-appointed."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Notice taken, that Forty Members were not present; Committee counted, and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House being told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 25th April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Dun Drainage Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.

The *Birmingham* Corporation Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Richardson's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Richardson's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Bromley Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Bromley* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Southend Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Southend* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Derby* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The *Lancaster* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Preston* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The *Warrington* Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Wisbech* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill (1877.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence and the Proceedings taken before the Committee on the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill, in Session 1877, be referred to the Committee on the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

The House was moved, That Standing Order, No. 109, relative to the Constitution of Committees on unopposed Private Bills, might be read, and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the *Chester* Cemetery Bill, and that the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be appointed Chairman of the Committee on the said Bill.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Tenth Report.

Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act 1870 (Herts and Essex, and Shoreham and District.)

No. 147.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870 (*Herts* and *Essex*, and *Shoreham* and District), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant April, be printed.

Tramways.

No. 148.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Tramways, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 24th day of this instant April, be printed.

Queen's College, Galway.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, *Galway*, for the Session 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pacific Islanders' Protection Acts, and Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated the 13th day of August 1877, entitled "The *Western Pacific* Order in Council, 1877," in pursuance of the *Pacific* Islanders Protection Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1875.

Colonial Fortifications Act, 1877 (Mauritius.)

Copy of Representations proposed to be made to Her Majesty by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to vest certain Fortifications, Works, &c., situate in the Colony of *Mauritius*, and held in trust for the defence of that Colony in the Governor of the Colony, in pursuance of the Colonial Fortifications Act, 1877.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March last,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th April 1879, approving of the application of the Sum of £. 1,490 from the anticipated Savings on Navy Votes generally for 1878–9, to meet a deficiency on Vote 14 of that year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

Sir *Wilfrid Lawson* reported from the Committee on the *Cardiff* Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the Recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Belfast Water Bill.

Sir *Wilfrid Lawson* reported the *Belfast* Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goffin.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Reports, Correspondence, and Memoranda referred to in Parliamentary Paper, No. 86, pp. 36 and 37:—

1. The Seven Reports made by different Inspectors as to Classes taught by Mr. *Goffin* at *Woking* and other places;
2. Copy of Minute signed by Lord *Ripon* threatening the Suspension of Mr. *Goffin*'s Certificate;
3. Copy of all Communications (if any) made by the Science and Art Department to Mr. *Goffin*, conveying Censure or Complaint, from the time when his first Certificate was granted in 1860 to the present time;
4. Reports and Correspondence between the Science and Art Department and the Science School at *Exton*, and also Correspondence with Mr. *Goffin*, in reference to the identical mistakes and to the Statement that the Boys had seen the Questions previous to the Examination;
5. The Annual Replies from 1860 to 1874, given in the Education Form IX., p. 4, as

as far as the Records will allow, as to satisfaction of the Managers with Mr. *Goffin*'s "character, conduct, and attention to duty during the past year."

Grantham Borough Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Grantham* Borough Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by this Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Llandudno* Improvement Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bridge Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, but that the Bill, as submitted to them, did not appear to require amendment.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 134.

The Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

British Museum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the *British* Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the Financial Year ended the 31st day of March 1879:——And, Return of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum in each year from 1873 to 1878, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement of the Collections; and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1878.

Hall Marking (Gold and Silver.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Silver and Gold Wares in Session 1856, and the Report of the Committee, be referred to the Select Committee on Hall Marking (Gold and Silver).

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Bill, without any Amendment.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Abandonment of the Works authorised by "The East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Act, 1876," and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Company to abandon the Works authorised by their Act of 1876, and to construct and maintain other Works in lieu thereof; to change the Name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords*] (*changed from* Colwyn Bay and Pwllycrochan Estate Bill.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the *Colwyn Bay* Waterworks Company, and to confer upon them Powers to supply Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Clare County Writ.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on the *Clare* County Writ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, "That the office of Attorney "General of the Colony of *Victoria* is an office or "place of profit under the Crown within the "meaning of the Statutes in that behalf";

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considering it is undesirable to decide "by Resolution a doubtful question of grave im-"portance involving the status of Members of this "House, it is expedient that a Bill should be "brought in to settle the Law relating to the "disqualifications caused by accepting Colonial "offices," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	180.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Julian Goldsmid*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*:	11.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the office of Attorney General of the Colony of *Victoria* is an office or place of profit under the Crown within the meaning of the Statutes in that behalf.

Resolved, That Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen* has, since his Election for the County of *Clare*, accepted the said office, and has thereby vacated his seat.

Clare Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Clare*, in the room of Sir *Bryan O'Loghlen*, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Attorney General for the Colony of *Victoria*.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the maintenance of the expenses of the "Charity Commission should no longer be de-"frayed out of the Consolidated Fund without "some equivalent amount being contributed by "the charities under its jurisdiction, and that such "means can be alone provided by removing the "exemption of these charities from the income "tax, or imposing some tax on them correspond-"ing to the Succession Duty, from the operation "of which they are also exempt," instead thereof.

Charity Commission (Taxation.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the maintenance of the expenses "of the Charity Commission should be referred to "a Select Committee for consideration, and to "report by what means other than by a Charge "on the Consolidated Fund these expenses might "be best defrayed," instead thereof.

Charity Commission (Expenses.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 72.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *James*: } 52.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

Bill 135.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

The Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 5th day of May next.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Drainage Provisional Order (*Bispham*, &c.) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

The Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 5th day of May next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Ways and Means);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 9th day of May next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions (Costs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 8th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant April, That the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 7th day of May next.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Act, 1878.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Seventh Schedule of the annual Turnpike Acts Continuance Act, 1878:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Lord *George Cavendish*, Mr. *Wentworth Beaumont*, Mr. *Beach*, Sir *Harcourt Johnstone*, Mr. *Clare Read*, Mr. *Spencer Stanhope*, and Mr. *Salt*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have power to inquire and report to the House under what conditions, with reference to the rate of interest, expenses of management, maintenance of roads, payment of debt, and term of years or other special arrangements, the Acts of the Trusts mentioned should be continued.

Ordered, That all Petitions relating to the continuance or discontinuance of Turnpike Trusts be referred to the Committee.

Law of Libel.

The Select Committee on the Law of Libel was nominated of Mr. *Bates*, Mr. *Bristow*, Mr. *Bulwer*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Rodwell*, Mr. *Courtney*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. Serjeant *Simon*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Errington*, Mr. *Forsyth*, and Mr. Attorney General; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870," relating to *Cleethorpes* Gas, *Dorchester* Gas, *Dronfield* Gas, *Eckington* Gas, *Enfield* Gas, *Havant* Gas, *Longridge* Gas, *Northfleet* Gas, *Wantage* Gas, *Wellingborough* Gas, *Dorking* Water, *Herts* and *Essex* Water, *Maidstone* Water, *Margate* Water, *Mexbrough* and District Water, *Oystermouth* Water, *Rhyl* District Water, *Saint Albans* Water, *Shoreham* and District Water, *Stourbridge* Water, *Thirsk* District Water, *Aldershot* Gas and Water, *Ventnor* Gas and Water, and *Ystrad* Gas and Water: And that Mr. *John G. Talbot* and Viscount *Sandon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill. Bill 136.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870," relating to *Cleethorpes* Gas, *Dorchester* Gas, *Dronfield* Gas, *Eckington* Gas, *Enfield* Gas, *Havant* Gas, *Longridge* Gas, *Northfleet* Gas, *Wantage* Gas, *Wellingborough* Gas, *Dorking* Water, *Herts* and *Essex* Water, *Maidstone* Water, *Margate* Water, *Mexbrough* and District Water, *Oystermouth* Water, *Rhyl* District Water, *Saint Albans* Water, *Shoreham* and District Water, *Stourbridge* Water, *Thirsk* District Water, *Aldershot* Gas and Water, *Ventnor* Gas and Water, and *Ystrad* Gas and Water: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Pinner Railway Bill.

Mr. *Evans* reported from the Committee on the *Pinner* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Commons.

Ordered, That the Petitions from *Maltby*, *Sheffield*, and *Rotherham*, which have been presented to this House during the present Session of Parliament, in reference to the proposed Inclosure of Commons at *Maltby*, in the County of *York*, be referred to the Select Committee on Commons.

Waste Lands Reclamation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next, the Waste Lands Reclamation (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 28*th April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Provisional Order Bills.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Building surveyor to pay fees to treasurer of Board to be carried to district fund), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to re-borrow), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

The *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords*.]

Vicars and *Smith*'s Patent Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill (1856), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the *Ely* Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill, in Session 1856, and on the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill, in Session 1857, be referred to the Committee on the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Tenth Report.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 10, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of the Countries in which they reside. (Trade Reports.) Part II.

China (No. 1, 1879) (Consular Reports.)

Copy of Commercial Reports by Her Majesty's Consuls in *China*, 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Religious Denominations.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Numbers of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in the Regular Forces of the Army in the United Kingdom, according to their Religious Denominations, stating the Numbers respectively of Non-commissioned Officers and Men, in each Regiment, Brigade Depôt, Battery of Royal Artillery, and Company of Royal Engineers, of the Established Church, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and other Religious Denominations; and the Number of Men of each Religious Denomination in receipt of Good Conduct Pay and in possession of a Third Class School Certificate.

Army (Forces employed in Cyprus, &c.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of February last, for Returns relative to the Army (Forces employed in *Cyprus*, &c.)

Army (Coals at Woolwich, &c.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Army (Coals at *Woolwich*, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Elementary Schools.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of March last, for Returns relative to Elementary Schools.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Wine (Quantities and Alcoholic Strength.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Wine (Quantities and Alcoholic Strength).

Public Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March last,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th April 1879, approving the application of the Sum of £. 2,102, from the anticipated Savings on Navy Votes generally for 1878-9, to meet the Deficiency under Vote 6, Items B. and C. of that year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Memorial, dated the 20th day of March 1879, of the Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of *Liverpool*, addressed to the Board of Trade, with reference to the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873.

Limerick Prison.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Prisoners who have committed Suicide in the County *Limerick* Prison since the Appointment of the present Governor of that Prison:——And, of the Number of Prisoners who have been removed from that Prison to the Lunatic Asylum since the Appointment of the same Official.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Ways and Means); and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House views with regret the great increase "in the National Expenditure," instead thereof; National Expenditure.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 29th April, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 303.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rylands*, Mr. *Baxter*: } 230.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Income Tax.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid for one year, commencing on the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains mentioned or described as chargeable in the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-four, the following Duties of Income Tax (that is to say):

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A.), (C.), (D.), or (E.) of the said Act, the Duty of Five Pence;
And for every Twenty Shillings of the annual value of the occupation of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act,—
In *England*, the Duty of Two Pence Halfpenny;
In *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, the Duty of One Penny Three Farthings;

Subject to the provisions contained in section One hundred and sixty-three of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-five, for the exemption of persons whose income is less than One hundred and Fifty Pounds, and in section Eight of "The Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1876," for the relief of persons whose income is less than Four Hundred Pounds:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid for one year, commencing on the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains mentioned or described as chargeable in the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-four, the following duties of Income Tax (that is to say):

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A.), (C.), (D.), or (E.), of the said Act, the Duty of Five Pence;
And for every Twenty Shillings of the annual value of the occupation of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act,—
In *England*, the Duty of Two Pence Halfpenny;
In *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, the Duty of One Penny Three Farthings;

Subject

Subject to the provisions contained in section One hundred and sixty-three of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-five, for the exemption of persons whose income is less than One hundred and Fifty Pounds, and in Section Eight of "The Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1876," for the relief of persons whose income is less than Four Hundred Pounds;——put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Establishment of office of Solicitor for Public Prosecutions).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of May next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of May next.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of May next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.) Bill.

The Land Drainage Provisional Order (*Bispham*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch Cases (Hall-marking) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankers' Books (Evidence) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Onslow*, Mr. *Hamar Bass*: } 12.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Stewart*, Sir *Graham Montgomery*: } 43.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Cyprus (Medical and other Reports.)

The Order, made upon the 14th day of February last, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to *Cyprus* (Medical and other Reports), was read, and discharged.

Cyprus (Medical and other Reports.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report from the Principal Medical Officers in *Cyprus*, giving a Medical History of the Troops stationed in that Island since July 1878.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Abergavenny* Union, the Borough of *Bolton*, the Local Government District of *Clay Lane*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Clutton* Union,

Union, the *Darenth Valley* Main Sewerage District, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Great Ouseburn* Union, the Borough of *Halifax*, the Local Government District of *Huyton-with-Roby*, the Port of *Lowestoft*, the Improvement Act District of *Lowestoft*, the Boroughs of *Preston* and *Saint Helens*, and the Local Government Districts of *Stone* and *Widness*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill. Bill 137.

Mr. *Salt* accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Abergavenny* Union, the Borough of *Bolton*, the Local Government District of *Clay Lane*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Clutton* Union, the *Darenth Valley* Main Sewerage District, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Great Ouseburn* Union, the Borough of *Halifax*, the Local Government District of *Huyton-with-Roby*, the Port of *Lowestoft*, the Improvement Act District of *Lowestoft*, the Boroughs of *Preston* and *Saint Helens*, and the Local Government Districts of *Stone* and *Widness*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Merchant Shipping (Hospitals in Foreign Ports.) No. 149.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence and Papers relating to Hospitals for *British* Seamen in Foreign Ports (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 348, of Session 1877).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Companies Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 29th April, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

MR. *Mowbray* reported the *Chester* Cemetery Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

That, in the case of the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill, Petition for additional provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

Preston Tramways Extension.

That, in the case of the *Preston* Tramways Extension Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Bromley Gas Bill.

The *Bromley* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Southend Water Bill.

The *Southend* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Bridge Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Bath Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Bath* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Walton-on-the Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Standing Orders.

Ordered, That Lord *Arthur Russell* be added to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That the parties opposing the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of *Arnold Taylor* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *Arnold Taylor* do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *Arnold Taylor* do attend the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Colwyn Bay Water Bill.

East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case

case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Tenth Report.

Guns and Ammunition (South Africa.) No. 150.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Guns and Ammunition (*South Africa*), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Cyprus (Forces Employed, &c.) No. 151.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Cyprus* (Forces employed, &c.), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant April, be printed.

Army (Forces Employed in Cyprus, &c.) No. 152.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Forces employed in *Cyprus*, &c.), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant April, be printed.

Wine (Quantities and Alcoholic Strength.) No. 153.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wine (Quantities and Alcoholic Strength), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant April, be printed.

Church of Scotland.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of December last, for Returns relative to the Church of *Scotland*.

Artizans Dwellings Acts.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of March last, for Returns relative to the Artizans Dwellings Acts.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Army (Reinforcements for South Africa.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Army (Reinforcements for *South Africa*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Public Income and Expenditure.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended the 31st day of March 1879; together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the Amounts received into or issued from the Exchequer in respect of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Copies of Treasury Warrants awarding Special Gratuities to—

Certain Clerks in the War Office on their Retirement; Warrant dated 24th April 1879.

Certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their Retirement; Warrant dated 26th April 1879.

Superannuations.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 25th October 1878, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to Mr. *Winter Jones*, Principal Librarian and Secretary of the *British* Museum.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Wrecks and Casualties, &c.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Abstracts of the Returns made to the Board of Trade, of Sea Casualties which occurred on and near the Coasts of the United Kingdom from the 1st July 1877 to the 30th June 1878:——Also, of the Returns made to the Board of Trade, during the year 1877-8, of the Sea Casualties which occurred to *British* Ships elsewhere than on the Coasts of the United Kingdom; and to Foreign Ships on the Coasts of *British* Possessions Abroad, with particulars of Vessels lost or damaged by such Casualties, and of the Lives lost and saved; together with Abstracts of the Official Inquiries in the United Kingdom into the Causes of Sea Casualties, held by order of the Board of Trade during the year 1877-8:——And, of the Official Inquiries Abroad, instituted by Consular and Colonial Officers and others, into the Causes of Sea Casualties, of which the Reports were received at the Board of Trade during the year 1877-8; and of other Investigations at Home and Abroad which affected the Certificates of Masters and Officers in the Mercantile Marine; with Charts and Appendices.

Harwich Harbour.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the *Harwich* Harbour Conservancy Board, from the time of their incorporation under "The *Harwich* Harbour Act, 1863," down to, and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1879:——Also, an Account of their Credits and Liabilities (as nearly as the same can be ascertained and estimated) down to, and inclusive of, such last-mentioned Date; together with a Report of the Conservancy Board on their Proceedings and on the Works executed by them, and on the state of *Harwich* Harbour, furnished by the said Conservancy Board to the Board of Trade, pursuant to "The *Harwich* Harbour Act, 1863," Section 6. (As returned by the Conservancy Board to the Board of Trade.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Aberdeen Harbour.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Burnt Fen First District Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Burnt Fen* First District Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Millwall Dock Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Millwall* Dock Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the circumstances of the case which were proved before them, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill. No. 154.

Mr. *Cross* reported from the Select Committee to whom the Summary Jurisdiction Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the Minutes

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bill 138. *Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* reported from the Select Committee to whom the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill was referred; That they had considered the said Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had agreed to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

No. 155. *Ordered*, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bill 139. *Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 8th day of May next.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fielden* have leave of absence until Whitsuntide, on account of ill health.

Prisons (Middlesex and Surrey.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Prisoners, distinguishing Male and Female, and of Certified Cells, distinguishing Male and Female, in each of the Prisons of *Middlesex*, *viz.*, *Coldbath Fields*, *Clerkenwell*, *Westminster*, *Newgate*, and *Holloway*; and in the Prison of *Surrey*, *viz.*, *Wandsworth*, on the 31st day of December 1878 and the 1st day of April 1879.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Downpatrick) Bill [*Lords.*]

Bill 140.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cashel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

Bill 141.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Friendly Societies Act (1875) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Assessed Rates Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Grand Junction Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Grand Junction Water Bill, without any Amendment.

North and South Woolwich Subway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *North* and *South Woolwich* Subway Bill, without any Amendment.

Bury Saint Edmunds Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Bury Saint Edmunds* Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Nottingham Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Nottingham* Water Bill, without any Amendment.

New River Company Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *New River* Company Bill, without any Amendment.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law respecting the manner of passing Grants under the Great Seal, and respecting Officers connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the establishment of Local Courts of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the *East* and *West India* Dock Company to acquire additional Lands; raise further Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Boiler Explosions.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that enginemen should undergo an examination as to their fitness before they are placed in charge of engines and boilers, and that it is incumbent on steam users to provide for a competent and an independent inspection of all steam boilers, and to report to the Board of Trade or the Home Office:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 30*th April*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Llandudno* Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Northern Railway (Spalding to Lincoln) Bill (1878), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Great Northern Railway (*Spalding* to *Lincoln*) Bill, and the Great Eastern Railway (Northern Extension) Bill, in Session 1878, be referred to the Committee on the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Public Income and Expenditure.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Public Income and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant April, be printed.

No. 156.

Harwich Harbour.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to *Harwich* Harbour, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant April, be printed.

No. 157.

Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Army (Soldiers for the Cape.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Army (Soldiers for the *Cape*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 *Vic.* c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1878, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1861 to 31st December

December 1878, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1878 to all Depositors; and, an Account of the Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Banks, *per* Act 24 *Vic.* c. 14, from 31st December 1877 to 31st December 1878, inclusive.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

A Petition of the Chairman and Secretary of a Public Meeting of the Working Population of the City of *Dublin*, praying the House to reject the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill, was presented, and read.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considering the recent legislation for the restriction of the hours of trade in public-houses in "*Ireland*, it is not expedient to pass any further "measures of restriction during the present Session," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Licensing Boards (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Boards (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Banking Laws Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions (Costs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Interments in Churchyards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Interments in Churchyards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Burials Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of June next.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Castle Douglas*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton-under-Lyne, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ways and Means [28th April.]

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Aysgarth* Union, the Improvement Act District of *Bethesda*, the Borough of *Brecknock*, the Local Government District of *Croydon*, the Boroughs of *Derby*, *Doncaster*, and *Hastings*, the Local Government Districts of *Hinckley*, *Horsham*, and *Houghton-le-Spring*, the Borough of *Middlesbrough*, the Local Government Districts of *Northallerton* and *Tunstall*, the Port of *Wisbech*, the Local Government District of *Withington*, and the Borough of *Yeovil*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts for the Valuation of Lands and the levying of Assessments in *Scotland*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the Session of the Ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, chapter Sixty-nine, and the Act passed in the Session of the Seventh and Eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Twenty-nine: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

East India (Memorials of Civil Servants.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Order by the Viceroy of *India* in Council, of the 19th day of October 1876, relating to the presentation of Memorials and Petitions by Civil Servants in *India*.

Trustees Relief.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Relief of Trustees: And that Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Sir *George Bowyer*, Sir *Eardley Wilmot*, and Mr. *Isaac* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill. Bill 142.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Aysgarth* Union, the Improvement Act District of *Bethesda*, the Borough of *Brecknock*, the Local Government District of *Croydon*, the Boroughs of *Derby*, *Doncaster*, and *Hastings*, the Local Government Districts of *Hinckley*, *Horsham*, and *Houghton-le-Spring*, the Borough of *Middlesbrough*, the Local Government Districts of *Northallerton* and *Tunstall*, the Port of *Wisbech*, the Local Government District of *Withington*, and the Borough of *Yeovil*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill. Bill 143.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Act passed in the Session of the Ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, chapter Sixty-nine, and the Act passed in the Session of the Seventh and Eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter Twenty-nine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill. Bill 144.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Acts for the Valuation of Lands and the levying of Assessments in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Trustees Relief Bill. Bill 145.

Mr. *Wheelhouse* presented a Bill for the further Relief of Trustees: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Commons (First Report.) No. 158.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Select Committee on Commons; That they had considered the Reports of the Inclosure Commissioners certifying the expediency of Provisional Orders with respect to

(1.) *Scotton*, and

(2.) *East Stainmore* Commons;

and are of opinion,—

That the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of *Scotton* Common ought not to be confirmed by Parliament except subject to the following modifications:—

(1.) That the labouring people of *Scotton* should be secured twenty acres for garden allotments in addition to the nineteen acres proposed by the Order as it stands;

(2.) That the five hundred acres known as the *Warren* be omitted from the Inclosure.

That the Provisional Order for the inclosure and regulation of *East Stainmore* Common ought to be confirmed by Parliament without modification.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners Bill.

Mr. *Bass* reported from the Committee on the *Aberdeen* Harbour Commissioners Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That Lord *Claud Hamilton*, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Lord *Claud Hamilton* be discharged from further attendance on Group B. of Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to proceed with Three Members.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 1st *May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Tenth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 28th, and 29th days of April last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colchester Water Bill.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks, praying that provision may be made in the *Colchester* Water Bill to enable the Petitioners to sell their Undertaking to the Corporation of *Colchester*, and to enable the Corporation to purchase the same, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

Mr. *Woodd* reported the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

Mr. *Woodd* reported from the Committee on the *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the recital relating to agreements with the *Nantyglo* and *Blaina* Ironworks Company, Limited, to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 6.)

Mr. *Woodd* reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills; That, there being no business ready for their consideration this day, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 4.)

Sir *John Kennaway* reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was read from Mr. *Sackville*, one of the Members of the Committee, stating that he was unable to attend on account of illness.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sackville* be discharged from further attendance on Group 4 of Railway Bills.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

Sir *John Kennaway* reported from the Committee on the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same by adding a recital as to the difference in value of the portions of the Undertaking to be transferred by the Great Eastern Railway Company to the Great Northern Railway Company and the portions of the existing Undertaking to be transferred by the Great Northern Railway Company in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same by inserting the sum of £.333,280 as the authorised capital of the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal Company, and by adding an interpretation of the terms "The *Severn* and *Wye* Undertaking" and "The Bridge Undertaking," and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Earl *Percy*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's Interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for empowering the Local Board for the District of *Eastbourne* to make and maintain a Sea-wall or Embankment, a Street Improvement, a Town Hall, and other Works, and to make further Provisions for the Improvement of the said District, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Army (Religious Denominations.) No. 159.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Religious Denominations), which was presented upon the 28th day of April last, be printed.

Elementary Schools. No. 160.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Elementary Schools, which was presented upon the 28th day of April last, be printed.

Church of Scotland. No. 161.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Church of *Scotland*, which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873. No. 162.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1873, which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Post Office Savings Banks. No. 163.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Annual (Continuance) Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Form of the proposed Annual Bill for continuing the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Rainfall.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Rainfall in *India* during the year 1878, as compared with the Average Rainfall.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Portman* have leave of absence for three weeks, on account of ill health.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the incorporation of the *Coleraine* Harbour Commissioners; for vesting in them the powers of the

the *Coleraine* Town Commissioners with respect to the Navigation of the River *Bann* under "The River *Bann* Navigation Act, 1863"; for the repeal of the said Act; for the improvement of the said Navigation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Bann* Navigation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Education (London School Board.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence relating to the Borrowing Powers of the *London* School Board between the Education Department and the School Board for *London*.

Canterbury Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Canterbury*, in the room of *Lewis Ashurst Majendie*, Esquire, who, since his election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of *Stoke*, *Desborough*, and *Bonenham*, in the County of *Bucks*.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 146.

The Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, while fully recognising the "acknowledged and undoubted right of the Crown "to remove any officer from the Army at will and "without trial, is of opinion that no officer accused "of any military offence should be placed compul-"sorily upon half-pay, or removed from his appoint-"ment either in consequence of the opinion or re-"commendation of a court of inquiry, or of the "evidence given before such a court, without "being first afforded the opportunity for the "public investigation of the charges made against "him, on sworn evidence, before a general court "martial under the provisions of this Bill," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Short Title of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words "and Regulation."

Question, That the words "and Regulation" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out "1879."

Question, That "1879" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 101.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Alexander Gordon*, Major *Nolan*: } 26.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Mode of bringing Act into force).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "some," in order to insert the words "an annual Mutiny."

Question proposed, That the word "some" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Division of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after "Part I" to insert the words "definitions and."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Offences in relation to the enemy punishable with death).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out from the word "thereof" to the word "enemy," in l. 19, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 151.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *James Brown*, Mr. *Hopwood*: } 26.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 19, after the word "enemy" to insert the words—

"Causes or conspires with any other persons to "cause any mutiny or sedition in any forces "belonging to Her Majesty's Regular, Re-"serve, or Auxiliary Forces, or Navy; or

"Endeavours to seduce any person in Her "Majesty's Regular, Reserve, or Auxiliary "Forces or Navy from allegiance to Her "Majesty, or to persuade any person in Her "Majesty's Regular, Reserve, or Auxiliary "Forces, or Navy, to join in any mutiny or "sedition; or

"Joins in, or being present does not use his "utmost endeavours to suppress, any mutiny "or sedition in any forces belonging to Her "Majesty's Regular, Reserve, or Auxiliary "Forces, or Navy; or

"Coming to the knowledge of any actual or "intended mutiny or sedition in any forces "belonging to Her Majesty's Regular, Re-"serve, or Auxiliary Forces, or Navy, does "not without delay inform his commanding "officer of the same."

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5 (Offences in relation to the enemy not punishable with death).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, to leave out from the word "without" to the word "or" in l. 35, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, after the word "despondency," to insert the words—

"Or being charged with or concerned in the "care or distribution of any public or regi-"mental money or goods steals, fraudulently "misapplies, or embezzles the same, or is "concerned in or connives at the stealing, "fraudulent misapplication, or embezzlement "thereof, or wilfully damages any such "goods;

"Or

"Or releases without proper authority, when "in command of a guard, picket, patrol, or "post, any prisoner committed to his "charge; or

"Wilfully or negligently allows to escape "any prisoner who is committed to his "charge, or whom it is his duty to keep or "guard."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 6 (Offences punishable more severely on active service than at other times).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, ls. 18 and 19, after the word "whatever," to insert the word "intentionally."

Question proposed, That the word "intentionally" be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "intentionally," to insert the words "or negligently."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the word "intentionally" be there inserted——put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, after the word "relieved," to insert the words "or "neglects to obey the order of his post."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, after the word "service," to insert the words "or when employed in aid of the civil power."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8 (Striking or threatening superior officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 16, to leave out from the word "Every" to the word "and" in l. 21 inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Income Tax.

That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid for one year, commencing on the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains mentioned or described as chargeable in the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-four, the following Duties of Income Tax (that is to say):

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A.), (C.), (D.), or (E.) of the said Act, the Duty of Five Pence;

And for every Twenty Shillings of the annual value of the occupation of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act,—

In *England*, the Duty of Two Pence Halfpenny;

In *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, the Duty of One Penny Three Farthings;

Subject to the provisions contained in Section One hundred and sixty-three of the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Thirty-five, for the exemption of persons whose income is less than One hundred and Fifty Pounds, and in Section Eight of "The Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1876," for the relief of persons whose income is less than Four Hundred Pounds.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill upon the Resolutions which, upon the 4th day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and then agreed to by the House, That they do make provision therein, pursuant to the Resolution now reported, and agreed to.

Prosecution of Offences Bill. Bill 147.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prosecution of Offences Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Establishment of office of Solicitor for Public Prosecutions.)

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "No Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions shall be appointed "for any longer term than five years; but any "person vacating his office by reason of this provision may be re-appointed."

Question again proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 4 to N° 6, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 7 and N° 8, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

East India [Loan.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on *East India* [Loan];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas) Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Castle Douglas*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

Bill 148.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lighting by Electricity.

Ordered, That Mr. *Adam* be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Lighting by Electricity.

Ordered, That Sir *David Wedderburn* be added to the Committee.

Ordered,

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made under "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867," relating to the Parish of *Bothwell*, in the County of *Lanark*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages of *British* Subjects on board Her Majesty's Ships: And that Mr. *Algernon Egerton*, Mr. *William Henry Smith*, Sir *Massey Lopes*, and Mr. *Staveley Hill* do prepare, and bring it in.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill. Bill 149.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented a Bill to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages of *British* Subjects on board Her Majesty's Ships: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Sittings of the House.

Resolved, That whenever the House shall meet at Two of the clock, the sitting of the House shall be held subject to the Resolutions of the House of the 30th day of April 1869.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

That, in the case of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Bath Corporation Bill.

The *Bath* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Burnt Fen First District Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Burnt Fen* First District Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Chester Cemetery Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Chester* Cemetery Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

The *Church Fenton, Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

The *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee, Arbroath*, &c.) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Belfast Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Belfast* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Dun Drainage Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dun* Drainage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The *Derby* Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Preston Gas Bill.

The *Preston* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *South Shields* Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The *Stourbridge* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Teign Valley* Railway Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of this instant May.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The *Wisbech* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

London Tramways Bill.

The Order, made upon the 2nd day of April last, That the *London* Tramways Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Glasgow Municipal Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report in the case of the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension Bill.

Special Report.

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the said Committee; That, in the case of the said Bill, they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

In the course of the enquiry into the matters referred to the Committee, it was alleged by the Promoters of the Bill that it had been ascertained that a Petition of Owners and Occupiers of Property against the Bill, contained forged signatures. The Committee considered it to be their duty to enquire into this allegation, as it appeared to them to contain a charge of contravention of the Rules and Orders of the House amounting to a breach of privilege. Witnesses were therefore summoned before the Committee, from whom it was elicited that a breach of privilege has undoubtedly been committed. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report the same to the House, and to state that they decided that the Petitioners could not be heard on a Petition found to have been prepared and signed without due regard to the Rules and Orders of the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension Bill had stated that the Evidence of *Donald M'Donald* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *Donald M'Donald* do attend the said Committee on Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *Donald M'Donald* do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills on Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:

Medway Docks.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Medway Docks.

A Petition of the *Medway* Docks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to further extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Construction of the Works authorised by the *Medway* Docks Act, 1866, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Artizans' Dwellings Acts.

No. 164.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Artizans' Dwellings Acts, which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

London School Board (Temporary Loans.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of April last, for Returns relative to the *London* School Board (Temporary Loans).

Metropolian Police.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police, Police Superannuation Fund, and Police Courts, between 1st April 1878 and 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Portsmouth, Southsea* and *Landport*, and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Norwich* Improvement Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by reciting more accurately the amount of the estimate of the expense of the works proposed to be authorised by the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

Bill 150.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, and to amend the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

River Thames (Board of Trade Staff.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Number of Seamen who availed themselves of the Arrangements provided by the Board of Trade for receiving their Balances of Wages at their Homes from the 1st day of April 1878 to the 31st day of March 1879:—— Of the Aggregate Amount of the Money so transmitted to them, giving the Places to which the Pay has been sent, and the Amount sent to each Place:——Of the Total Number of Cases in which Seamen who expressed desire to take advantage of these Arrangements were, from various Causes, prevented from so doing, within the same Period:—— Of the Number of Seamen engaged as Substitutes on Board Ship off *Gravesend*, under the special Arrangements of the Board of Trade within the same Period:——Of the Number of Outward bound Ships, and of Homeward-bound Ships

Ships respectively, visited by the Board of Trade River Staff within the same Period, and in the case of the latter, the Number of instances in which Crimps were seen Afloat:——And, of the Total Amount of the Seamen's Money Orders issued, and of the Deposits in the Seamen's Savings Bank respectively, in the Port of *London*, in each of the last Six Years.

East India (Financial Statement.) No. 165.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Financial Statement of the Government of *India* for 1879–80.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Net Revenue and Expenditure.) No. 166.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Net Revenue and Expenditure of *India* for the year 1877–8, and as estimated for the years 1878–9 and 1879–80.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Net Disbursements of Home Treasury.) No. 167.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Net Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of *India* for the years 1877–8 and 1878–9, and as estimated for the year 1879–80.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

Sir *John Kennaway* reported from the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital as to the deposit of amended plans of the bridges carrying the Railway over the *Belvelly* and *Slatty* Channels of the River *Lee* and otherwise, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 4.)

Sir *John Kennaway* reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in view of the importance of a considerable "addition to the number of owners of land in *Ire*-"*land* among the class of persons cultivating its "soil, it is expedient that legislation should be "adopted, without further delay, for increasing "the facilities proposed with this object by the "*Irish* Land Act, 1870, and for securing to the "tenants of land offered for sale the opportunity "of purchase, consistently with the interests of "the owners thereof," instead thereof.

Irish Land Act, 1870.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 3rd May, 1879:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "in view of the importance of a considerable "addition to the number of owners of land in *Ire*-"*land* among the class of persons cultivating its "soil, it is expedient that legislation should be "adopted, without further delay, for increasing "the facilities proposed with this object by the "*Irish* Land Act, 1870, and for securing to the "tenants of land offered for sale the opportunity "of purchase, consistently with the interests of "the owners thereof," be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That, in view of the importance of a considerable addition to the number of owners of land in *Ireland* among the class of persons cultivating its soil, it is expedient that legislation should be adopted, without further delay, for increasing the facilities proposed with this object by the *Irish* Land Act, 1870, and for securing to the tenants of land offered for sale the opportunity of purchase, consistently with the interests of the owners thereof.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "at Two "of the clock."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time: and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 16th day of this instant May.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Aspull*, the Boroughs of *Birmingham* and *Burnley*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Chard* Union, the Improvement Act District of *Chiswick*, the Local Government District of *Keighley*, the Borough of *Kingston-upon-Hull*, the City of *Lichfield*, the Improvement Act District of *Ramsgate*, the Local Government District of *Shelton*, the Boroughs of *Swansea* and *Southampton*, the Improvement Act District of *Wellington* (*Salop*), and the Local Government Districts of *Widnes* and *Worthing*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Summary Jurisdiction (re-committed) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill. Bill 151.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Aspull*, the Boroughs of *Birmingham* and *Burnley*, the Rural Sanitary District of the *Chard* Union, the Improvement Act District of *Chiswick*, the Local Government District of *Keighley*, the Borough of *Kingston-upon-Hull*, the City of *Lichfield*, the Improvement Act District of *Ramsgate*, the Local Government District of *Shelton*, the Boroughs of *Swansea* and *Southampton*, the Improvement Act District of *Wellington* (*Salop*), and the Local Government Districts of *Widnes* and *Worthing*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell) Bill. Bill 152.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made under "The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867," relating to the Parish of *Bothwell*, in the County of *Lanark*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half-an-hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 5th May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Colchester Water Bill.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the *Colchester* Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

East and *West India* Dock Company Bill.

Bann Navigation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Abergavenny*) Union, &c.) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords*.]

Ordered, That the *Llandudno* Improvement Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The

Grantham Borough Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Grantham* Borough Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Belfast Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Belfast* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported from the Committee on the East *Norfolk* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital that the estimated expense of the proposed deviations would not exceed that of the purchase of the *Aylsham* Extension to be abandoned under the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Metropolitan Police.

No. 168.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Metropolitan Police, which were presented upon the 2nd day of this instant May, be printed.

Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th day of April 1879, made by the Intermediate Education Board for *Ireland*, under the Intermediate Education (*Ireland*) Act, 1878, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant.

Oraered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Memorials of Civil Servants.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of April last, for a Return relative to *East India* (Memorials of Civil Servants).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Cyprus (Medical and other Reports.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of April last, for a Return relative to *Cyprus* (Medical and other Reports).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordnance Survey.

Mr. *Gerard Noel* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Ordnance Survey to the 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

British Museum.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of April last, for Papers relative to the *British* Museum.

Clergy (West Indies.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the Amount payable on the 5th January 1879, out of the Consolidated Fund, for Ecclesiastical purposes in the *West Indies*, and of the Appropriation of it to different Islands and Persons therein, with their respective Offices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Mr. Godrich.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Names of all Officers who sat as President or as Members of the Court Martial by which Assistant Controller *Godrich* was tried and cashiered in 1873:—And, of the Names of all Officers who sat as President or as Members of any Court of Inquiry held to investigate the Irregularities which led to the Trial of Assistant Controller *Godrich*.

Drunkenness (Ireland) (Arrests.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Number of Arrests for Drunkenness within the Metropolitan Police District of *Dublin*, the Cities of *Cork*, *Limerick*, and *Waterford*, and the Town of *Belfast*, on Sundays between the 13th day of October 1878 and the 13th day of April 1879, both Days inclusive; also a similar Return for corresponding Sundays in 1877-8, the Arrests to be given from 8 a.m. on Sundays until 8 a.m. on Mondays, in the following Form:—

Metropolitan Police District of *Dublin*.	Number Arrested during above Period for Drunkenness.	Period 1877–8.	Period 1878–9.
	From 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. - -		
	„ 2 p.m. „ 7 p.m. - -		
	„ 7 p.m. „ 12 p.m. - -		
	„ 12 p.m. „ 8 a.m. on Monday		
	Total - - -		
City of *Cork* - -			
City of *Limerick* -			
City of *Waterford* -			
Town of *Belfast* -			
	Total - - -		

——And, similar Return for the rest of *Ireland*, giving the Information in the following Form:—

—	County.	Number of Arrests from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays in 1877–8.	Number of Arrests from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays in 1878–9.
Total - - -			

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Paisley) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Paisley*) Bill, without any Amendment.

General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Provisional Order (Inverness) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Inverness*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Brewood and Wolverhampton Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without any Amendment.

County Courts Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating or giving Jurisdiction thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the feuing of parts of the Lands of *Tayfield, Northfield*, and others, in the Parish of *Forgan*, or *Saint Phyllans*, and County of *Fife*, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Berry's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Special Report which, upon the 2nd day of this instant May, was made from the Select Committee on the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c. Bill; and the same being again read;

Resolved, That, having heard the Special Report of the Committee, the House is of opinion that a breach of privilege has been committed, and that the parties by whom the Petition in question was prepared are liable to be dealt with by the House in respect thereof, but that under the circumstances it is not necessary to proceed further in the matter.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Customs and Inland Revenue.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Customs and the Inland Revenue.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Noxious Gases Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, and Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill and the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill be committed to the same Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have power to consolidate the two Bills into one Bill.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

Bill 153.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bills, and consolidated them into one Bill, to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to *Ramsgate, Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, Skegness, Strachur* (*Loch Fyne*), *Totland Bay, Westgate, Whitehall* (*Stronsay*), *Cromarty, Fortrose, Lybster, Penzance*, and *Torquay*.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Prosecution of Offences Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have power to extend the operation of the Bill to the whole of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, disagreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gibson* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes*

Raikes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 13th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The Companies Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board under the Provisions of "The Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867," relating to the Townships of *Great Barlow* and *Little Barlow*, the Townships of *Cheadle Bulkeley* and *Cheadle Moseley*, and the Town of *Plymouth*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Axminster* Union, the Boroughs of *Liverpool* and *Oswestry*, the Local Government District of *Pontypridd*, the Improvement Act District of *Ramsgate*, and the Local Government Districts of *Wellington* (*Somerset*) and *Ystradyfodwg*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865": And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. *Gerard Noel* do prepare, and bring it in.

Banks (East India and the Colonies.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Titles of the Acts, either of the *British* Parliament, or of any Colonial Legislature, or of any other Statutes or Orders in force in *East India* or in any *British* Colony, under which any Banks (other than Banks doing Business solely within the United Kingdom itself) carry on Business.

West India Relief Commission [Loans, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the determination of the *West India* Relief Commission, the transfer of its powers to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the remission of certain sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission; also the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any sums at present in the hands of the *West India* Relief Commissioners which may hereafter be claimed by the persons entitled thereto;

Colonel *Taylor*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill. Bill 154.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Axminster* Union, the Boroughs of *Liverpool* and *Oswestry*, the Local Government District of *Pontypridd*, the Improvement Act District of *Ramsgate*, and the Local Government Districts of *Wellington* (*Somerset*) and *Ystradyfodwg*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill. Bill 155.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board under the Provisions of "The Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867," relating to the Townships of *Great Barlow* and *Little Barlow*, the Townships of *Cheadle Bulkeley* and *Cheadle Moseley*, and the Town of *Plymouth*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill. Bill 156.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to amend "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

Mr. *Woodd* reported from the Committee on the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester*, *Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out a recital relating to the facilitating of the transmission of traffic between the Railways authorised by the Bill and the Railways of other Companies therein referred to, such portion of the Preamble not having been proved to their satisfaction, and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 6th May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

THE *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Title of the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to explain and amend the Deed of Settlement of the *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society, to provide for the increase of the Capital and Sub-division of the Shares of that Society, and to enable that Society to sue and be sued in the name of a Public Officer.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

The *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Llandudno* Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Belfast Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Belfast* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The *Leicester* Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The *South Shields* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Walton-on-the Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Cyprus (Medical and other Reports.) No. 169.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Cyprus* (Medical and other Reports), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant May, be printed.

British Museum. No. 170.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *British* Museum, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant May, be printed.

Spirits.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of April last, for Returns relative to Spirits.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Maryport District and Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of *Over Darwen*, in the County of *Lancaster*, praying that provision may be made in the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill, to enable the Petitioners to borrow the money necessary to enable them to give effect to the agreement which provides for the purchase by the Petitioners of the gas mains and pipes of the Corporation of *Blackburn*, in that part of the Township of *Lower Darwen* proposed to be added to the Borough of *Over Darwen*, and for the transfer to the Petitioners of the powers of the said Corporation to supply Gas therein, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 6 (Making of valuation list by overseers).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "and in estimating the yearly "value of lands and hereditaments under this Act, "the same shall be taken to be the rent at which, "one year with another, such lands and hereditaments might in their actual state be reasonably "expected to let from year to year; and where "such lands and hereditaments consist of woods, "copse, or underwood, the yearly value of the "same shall be taken to be the rent at which such "lands and hereditaments might in their natural "state be reasonably expected to let from year to "year, as pasture or grazing lands; and where "such lands and hereditaments are *bonâ fide* let for "a yearly rent conditioned as the fair annual "value thereof, without premium, fine, or consideration other than the rent, such rent shall be "deemed and taken to be the yearly rent or value "of such lands and hereditaments in terms of this "Act: Provided always, That if such lands and "hereditaments be let upon a lease the stipulated "duration of which is more than twenty-one years "from the date of entry under the same, or, in the "case

"case of minerals, more than thirty-one years from "such date of entry, the rent payable under such "lease shall not necessarily be assessed as the "yearly rent or value of such lands and hereditaments, but such yearly rent or value shall be "ascertained in terms of this Act irrespective of "the amount of rent payable under such lease, and "the lessee under such lease shall be deemed and "taken to be also the proprietor of such lands and "hereditaments in the sense of this Act, but "shall be entitled to relief from the actual proprietor thereof, and to deduction from the rent "payable by him to such actual proprietor, of "such proportion of all assessments laid on upon "the valuations of such lands and hereditaments "made under this Act, and payable by such "lessee as proprietor in the sense of this Act, "as shall correspond to the rent payable by such "lessee to such actual proprietor as compared "with the amount of such valuation."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 5, to leave out from the word "year" to the word "hereditaments."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8 (Deposit and transmission of valuation list to assessment committee and surveyor of taxes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, after the word "duplicate," to insert the words, "and any "special valuation made by the assessor of rail-"ways and canals."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 9 (Notice to occupier where his liability is increased).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, ls. 22 and 23, to leave out the words "as soon as practicable," in order to insert the words "within fifteen days."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, after the word "practicable," to insert the words "within a period not exceeding fifteen days."

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "fifteen" in order to insert the word "seven."

Question, That the word "fifteen" stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question, That the word "seven" be inserted in the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words "within a period "not exceeding seven days," be inserted after the word "practicable," in p. 3, l. 23——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 25, to leave out from the word "list" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 10 (Revision of valuation list by assessment committee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, after the word "objections," to insert the words "such "meetings shall be held in open court, and the "assessment committee shall have power to sum-"mon witnesses and to examine them on oath."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, after the word "objections," to insert the words "and such meetings shall be held openly."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "held openly," in order to insert the words "open to the public."

Question, That the words "held openly," stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question, That the words "open to the public" be inserted in the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words "And such meetings "shall be open to the public," be inserted, after the word "objections," in p. 3, l. 30——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Customs and the Inland Revenue.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Prosecution of Offences Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken in consideration upon Friday next.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on Group No. 9. of Railway Bills; That Mr. *John Fitzwilliam*, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Marriage (Breach of Promise.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of Breach of Promise of Marriage ought to be abolished except in cases where actual pecuniary loss has been incurred by reason of the promise, the damages being limited to such pecuniary loss;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the injury sustained by Breach of Promise "of Marriage cannot be weighed by the standard "of pecuniary loss alone, and that the limitation of "the action in the manner proposed by the Resolu-"tion would be very undesirable," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Herschell*, Mr. *Rodwell*: } 106.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Eardley Wilmot*; Mr. *Morgan Lloyd*: } 65.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of Breach of Promise of Marriage ought to be abolished except in cases where actual pecuniary loss has been incurred by reason of the promise, the damages being limited to such pecuniary loss.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 7th May, 1879:

Jurors' Remuneration (Ireland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Jurors in *Ireland* should be remunerated for the cost to which they are frequently put under the present Law:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Trustees' Liability.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Liability of Trustees holding Shares in Banks and other Companies: And that Sir *George Bowyer*, Sir *Eardley Wilmot*, and Mr. Serjeant *Simon* do prepare, and bring it in.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant May.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Election Petitions (Costs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions (Costs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees' Liability Bill. Bill 157.

Sir *George Bowyer* presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Liability of Trustees holding Shares in Banks and other Companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 7th May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Adjournment.

A MOTION was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Caledonian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Millwall Dock Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Millwall* Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twelfth Report.

Army Discipline and Regulation Annual (Continuance) Bill.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Army Discipline and Regulation Annual (Continuance) Bill, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 171.

Spirits.

No. 172.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant May, be printed.

Cyprus (Forces Employed, &c.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of February last, for Returns relative to *Cyprus* (Forces Employed, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Customs Officers (Charge for Overtime.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to Customs Officers (Charge for Overtime).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Richmond Bridge.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—*Richmond* Bridge Cash Account for the year 1878.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of illness in his family.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 28th day of this instant May.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Statute Law Revision (Ireland) Bill.

The Statute Law Revision (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time: and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of April last, That the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Prenuptial Contracts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prenuptial Contracts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Interments in Churchyards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Interments in Churchyards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Burials Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton-under-Lyne, &c.) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Salmon Fisheries in *England* and *Wales*: And that Mr. *Cowen*, Mr. *Edward Ridley*, Sir *Arthur Middleton*, and Mr. *Hamond* do prepare, and bring it in.

Joint Stock Banking and other Companies.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the (1.) Names; (2.) Nominal Capital; (3.) Subscribed Capital; (4.) Paid-up Capital; and (5.) Number of Shareholders of the (i.) Chartered Banks carrying on Business in the United Kingdom; and of the (ii.) Limited; and (iii.) Unlimited Banks; (iv.) Limited; and (v.) Unlimited Insurance Companies; and (vi.) Miscellaneous Unlimited Companies which are registered under the Acts relating to Joint Stock Companies and are believed to be still in existence, or which make Returns to the Inland Revenue under the Bank Acts.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts, 1860, 1861, and 1871: And that Mr. *Collins*, Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Bruen*, Mr. *Cogan*, and Mr. *Gray* do prepare, and bring it in.

Cyprus (Report of Sir Garnet Wolseley.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of or Extracts from the Report from Sir *Garnet Wolseley* of the 11th day of April 1879, relating to the Administration of the Government of *Cyprus*; and, of any further Report referring to the same subject.

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Cartworth*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board, under the provisions of "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875," relating to the Borough of *Derby*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Castleton by Rochdale*, the District of *Heywood*, the Local Government Districts of *Keighley*, *Littleborough*, the Improvement Act District of *Middleton* and *Tonge*, the Local Government Districts of *Milnrow* and *Royton*, the *Sittingbourne* and *Milton* Joint Hospital District, and the Local Government Districts of *Wallingfen*, and *Wuerdle* and *Wardle*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Highways Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the Provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Buckingham*, *Kent*, and *Worcester*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth) Bill. Bill 158.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Cartworth*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill. Bill 159.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board, under the Provisions of "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875," relating to the Borough of *Derby*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.) Bill. Bill 160.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Castleton by Rochdale*, the District of *Heywood*, the Local Government Districts of *Keighley*, *Littleborough*, the Improvement Act District of *Middleton* and *Tonge*, the Local Government Districts of *Milnrow* and *Royton*, the *Sittingbourne* and *Milton* Joint Hospital District, and the Local Government Districts of *Wallingfen* and *Wuerdle* and *Wardle*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill. Bill 161.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the Provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Buckingham*, *Kent*, and *Worcester*: And the same was read the first time:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill. Bill 162.

Mr. *Cowen* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Salmon Fisheries in *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill. Bill 163.

Mr. *Collins* presented a Bill to amend the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts, 1860, 1861, and 1871: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Commons (Second Report.) No. 173.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Select Committee on Commons; That they had considered the Reports of the Inclosure Commissioners certifying the expediency of Provisional Orders for the Inclosure of *Maltby*, and *Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons, and for the Inclosure and Regulation of *Malterdale* Common, and are of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed by Parliament without modification.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported from the Committee on the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the share capital of the Company, and of the *Lynn* and *Fakenham* Railway Company, and the amalgamation of the two Companies, and the Directors, and voting of Stockholders of the amalgamated Company, and by

by striking out the powers to make several new Railways and a Tramway, and the recitals relating to running powers and the change of the name of the Company, the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to confer further Powers upon the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Company.

(Title amended.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Norwich Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Dennis O'Conor* reported from the Committee on the *Norwich* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 8*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Eleventh Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 30th April last, and 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th days of this instant May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

The *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Grantham Borough Bill.

The *Grantham* Borough Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

The *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Bothwell*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Public Petitions.

Vide Twelfth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Army (Soldiers for the Cape.) No. 174.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Soldiers for the *Cape*), which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Cyprus (Forces Employed, &c.) No. 151.

Ordered, That the further Return relative to *Cyprus* (Forces employed, &c.), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes, dated 10th December 1878, made by the Governing Body of *Hertford* College, under the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* Act, 1877, in relation to certain Scholarships and Exhibitions in the said College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875 (Walsall Union.)

Mr. *Salt* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order issued by the Local Government Board, permitting a Modification, by the Urban Sanitary Authority of the Borough of *Walsall*, of their Improvement Scheme so far as regards the Condition V. in the Provisional Order, dated the 12th May 1877, confirming the Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill had stated that the Evidence of *Henry Law* was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *Henry Law* do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *Henry Law* do attend the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

East India (Duties on Cotton Goods.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Dissents recorded by the Members of the Council of the Governor General of *India* regarding the late Reduction of the Cotton Duties in that Country.

Sinecure Rectories.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sinecure Rectories suppressed under the Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* c. 113, and of the Prices paid by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for each Sinecure Rectory so suppressed.

Pensions Commutation. No. 175.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of Sums advanced by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1878, in payment of Commutation of Pensions under the Act 34 & 35 *Vic.* c. 36, and the Annuities for Ten Years, commencing the 1st day of April 1879, sufficient to repay the Advances with Interest at Three-and-a-half *per centum per annum*.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Courtauld* have leave of absence till Whitsuntide, on account of domestic affliction.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Petty Customs (Scotland) Abolition Act Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Petty Customs (*Scotland*) Abolition Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Forth Bridge Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Forth* Bridge Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Sidmouth* Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Leeds* Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the South *Dublin* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act, to make provision for the Conservancy of Rivers; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the removal of the Remains of Persons interred underneath *Wellington Street* United Presbyterian Church, in the City of *Glasgow*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the Shares of *Thomas Roper*, deceased, in the Capital and Business of the Firm of *Harrison, Ainslie*, and Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Glasgow, Wellington Street*, United Presbyterian Church Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiness of Petitions for Private Bills.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Roper's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 10 (Insubordination).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, ls. 14 and 15, to leave out the words "or breaks out of barracks, "camp, or quarters."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11 (Neglect to obey garrison or other orders).

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be postponed—— put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out the word "general."

Question, That the word "general" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Desertion).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 30, to leave out the words "or attempts to desert."

Question proposed, That the words "or attempts to desert" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 13 and N° 14, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15 (Absence from duty without leave).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 7, to leave out from the word "Or" to the word "Being," in l. 12.

Question proposed, That the words "Being a "soldier when in camp or garrison or elsewhere "found," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 9, to leave out the words "beyond any limits fixed or."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 16 (Scandalous conduct of officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 21, after the word "say," to insert the words "Shall be con-"victed and adjudged guilty in any criminal court "of any crime or misdemeanor under the Criminal "Law."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "or misdemeanor."

Question proposed, That the words "or misdemeanor" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, ls. 24 and 25, to leave out the words "liable to suffer "imprisonment" in order to insert the words "cashiered or liable to suffer."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 79.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Major *O'Beirne*: } 8.

CLAUSE, N° 17 (Stealing and embezzlement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 33, after the word "court martial" to insert the words "and "not otherwise."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 18, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 19 (Drunkenness).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 25, to leave out the words "whether on duty or not."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 104.

Tellers for the Noes, { Major *Nolan*, Colonel *Jervis*: } 54.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "and if the offence "is not on duty, every soldier who commits the "offence of drunkenness six times in one year "shall, on conviction by a court martial, be liable "to suffer imprisonment or such less punishment "as in this Act mentioned, and either in ad-"dition to or in substitution for any other punish-"ment to pay a fine not exceeding One pound, "and an entry in the company, battery, troop, or "regimental defaulters' book, or a certified copy "of any such entry, shall be accepted as evidence "of each of the first five acts of drunkenness."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided always, "any officer convicted by court martial of having "been drunk on duty under arms, shall be "cashiered."

Question,

Question, That those words be there added——put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 20 (Permitting escape of prisoner).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 1, after the word "escape" to insert the words "or get "drunk."

Question proposed, That the words "or get "drunk" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, ls. 4 and 5, to leave out the words "penal servitude," in order to insert the word "imprisonment."

Question proposed, That the words "penal ser-"vitude" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 21 (Irregular imprisonment).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 16, after the word "charged" to insert the words "omits to forward to the proper quarter, promptly "after receipt, any written remonstrance, charge, "or statement sent to him by a prisoner addressed "to any superior authority."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 22, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 23 (Corrupt dealings in respect of supplies to forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 38, after the words "court martial" to insert the words "if an "officer."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 24 (Deficiency in and injury to equipment).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 1, after the word "soldier," to insert the words "not being a "volunteer, except when on actual military ser-"vice."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 25, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 26 (Neglect to report, and signing in blank).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 34, after the word "return," to insert the words "of the state "of any regiment, troop, or company, garrison, or "corps under his command."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Friday, 9th May, 1879:

CLAUSE, N° 27 (False accusation, or false statement by soldier).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 11, after the word "furlough," to insert the words "being an "officer or soldier examined before a military "court or commission of inquiry, and not on oath, "makes any false or calumnious statement respect-"ing the conduct or affairs of any officer or soldier "whose conduct is the subject of such inquiry."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "or calumnious."

Question, That the words "or calumnious" stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words "being an "officer or soldier examined before a military "court or commission of inquiry, and not on oath, "makes any false statement respecting the conduct "or affairs of any officer or soldier whose conduct "is the subject of such inquiry," be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 28 (Offences in relation to courts martial).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, ls. 29 and 30, to leave out the words "other than the "court in relation to or before whom the offence "was committed."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 34, to leave out from the word "mentioned," to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 29 (Perjury or false declaration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 8, after the word "evidence," to insert the words "when exa-"mined on oath or otherwise before any military "court or commission of inquiry shall wilfully "make false statements of fact, or untrue or scan-"dalous statements, to the detriment of any officer "or soldier."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant May.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 16th day of this instant May.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 16th day of this instant May.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 16th day of this instant May.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 16th day of this instant May.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant May.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

West India Relief Commission [Loans, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *West India* Relief Commission [Loans, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the determination of the *West India* Relief Commission, the transfer of its powers to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the remission of certain Sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission; also the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Sums at present in the hands of the *West India* Relief Commissioners which may hereafter be claimed by the persons entitled thereto.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Statute Law Revision (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Statute Law Revision (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton-under-Lyne, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "now" to the end of the Question, in order to add the word "re-committed," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Whitwell*: } 22.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 47.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *Blake*: } 19.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 49.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

The Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Hares (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Preservation of Hares in *Ireland:* And that Mr. *Richard Power*, Colonel *King-Harman*, Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Herbert*, and Mr. *French* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bill 164.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Noxious Gases Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Coroners Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Coroners Bill have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Hares (Ireland) Bill. Bill 165.

Mr. *Richard Power* presented a Bill to provide for the Preservation of Hares in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 9th May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Colchester Water Bill.

That, in the case of the *Colchester* Water Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

The *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for incorporating the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Company, and for authorising them to supply with Gas the Townships of *Houghton-le-Spring*, *Newbottle*, and *East Rainton*, in the County of *Durham*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be read the third time after the other Private Business.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Mowbray*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London Gas Light Company Bill.

The Order, made upon the 22nd day of April last, That the *London* Gas Light Company Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Private Bills (Standing Orders complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, *viz.:*

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein, pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.:*

Berry's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twelfth Report.

Sinking Fund Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the Amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the Old and New Sinking Funds, in the Financial year ended

31st March 1879; also of the Particular Application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 38 & 39 *Victoria*, c. 45.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

National Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Forty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland* (for the year 1878).

London School Board (Training Ship "Shaftesbury," &c.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of March last, for Returns relative to the *London* School Board (Training Ship "*Shaftesbury*"); and the "*Exmouth*" Training Ship.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Poor Law (Scotland) Board of Supervision.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names and Designations of the Members of the Board of Supervision in *Scotland*, distinguishing such as are Members *ex officio*:——Of the Number of Meetings of the Board relating to the Poor Law held during the years 1876, 1877, and 1878:——And, of the Number of Members present at each such Meeting, distinguishing between Board and Committee Meetings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 304, of Session 1876).

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Warrington* Corporation Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the power to use Electricity as a means of Lighting, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Lancashire* County Justices Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill; That this Bill as introduced proposed to authorise the Manufacture and Supply of Gas and Electric Light to the Town and Port of *Goole* by the Undertakers of the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation; but that the Promoters of the Bill had withdrawn all the provisions relating to the providing and supply of Electric Light.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out so much thereof as relates to the providing and supply of Electric Light, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out certain allegations to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and inserted a recital as to the expediency of authorising the Company to borrow by instalments the Amount authorised to be borrowed by their Act of Incorporation, and had found the same, as amended, to be true, and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 10th day of March last; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Saint Bartholomew's* Hospital Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Probate and Legacy Duty.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for each of the Years 1877-8 and 1878-9, under the following Heads, namely:—

(1.) The Amount in respect of which Probate and Administration Duty has been paid;
(2.) The Amount of Duty so paid;
(3.) The Amount of Legacy Duty paid.

Volunteer Adjutants.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Volunteer Adjutants now serving who were appointed prior to 1872, giving the under-mentioned Particulars:—

Rank.	Names.	Length of previous Military Services; in what Branch; and what Rank last held.	Total previous Service.	Whether Retired by Sale of Commission, on Full or Half Pay, on Pension, or without Remuneration for Services.	Amount realised by Sale of Commission, or in Receipt of on account of Retiring; as Pension on Discharge.	Length of Service as Volunteer Adjutant.	Total Length of Service.

Resolved,

Treaties of Commerce and Navigation.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return giving a List of all Treaties of Commerce and Navigation between *Great Britain* and Foreign Powers which are now in force, stating the Date of each and the period when Terminable; whether or not they provide "most "favoured Nation" treatment and the Terms by which such treatment is stipulated for, and how far they apply to our Colonies.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

Mr. *Gathorne-Hardy* reported the *Mirfield* Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

Mr. *Gathorne-Hardy* reported the *Ilkley* Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Party Processions, &c. (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns, as far as are practicable, of all Party Processions, whether Orange, Nationalist, Amnesty, "Martyr," or other, specifying those which did not suffer molestation, which have taken place in *Ireland* since the Repeal of the Party Processions Act in 1872:——Of all Homicides, Outrages, or Injuries to Life and Property arising out of such Processions:——Of the Number of Military and Police drafted to the scenes of such Processions on each occasion on Special Duty:—And, of the Total Cost to the Country occasioned by movement of such Forces.

Corris Railway Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on *Corris* Railway Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on Group No. 9 of Railway Bills; That for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society Bill, without any Amendment.

Llandudno Improvement Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Llandudno* Improvement Bill, without any Amendment.

Whitby Harbour and Port Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Whitby* Harbour and Port Bill, without any Amendment.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Education Department under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," to enable the School Board for *London* to put in force "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and the Acts amending the same; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Towns of *Clonmel* and *Dundalk*, and to a Burial Ground for the Town of *Clonmel*, and to Waterworks in the Town of *Keady*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the improvement of certain unhealthy Areas within the Metropolis; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 166.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Agricultural Holdings (England, Wales, and Ireland.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is desirable that the power of distraint for the "rent of agricultural holdings in *England*, *Wales*, "and *Ireland*, should be abolished," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 10*th May*, 1879:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	202.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Blennerhassett*, Mr. *Benjamin Williams*:	92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 4 to N° 6, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Payment by instalments of or security taken for payment of money).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, after the word "Act" to insert the words "impose such "imprisonment if default be made in payment of "the sum or instalment at the time fixed as the "person liable to pay the same may be liable to if "default be made in payment of a fine of a like "amount be imposed under this Act or otherwise."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10 (Summary trial of children unless objected to by parent or guardian).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 10, to leave out from the word "shillings" to the word "child," in l. 17, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	98.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Peter Taylor*, Mr. *Hopwood*:	22.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11 (Summary trial, with consent, of young persons (juvenile offenders).

Another Amendment made.

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 10, to leave out from the word "months" to the word "police," in l. 17, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr *Peter Taylor*, Mr. *Hopwood*: 19.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, after the word "Police" to insert the words "and "also in the presence, if he desires to be present, of "the parent or guardian of the child."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 13 to N° 15, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 16 (Power of court to discharge accused without punishment).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 34, to leave out the words "damages and."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 17 to N° 21, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 22 (Register of court of summary jurisdiction).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

West India Relief Commission [Loans, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on *West India* Relief Commission (Loans, &c.), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the determination of the *West India* Relief Commission, the transfer of its powers to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the remission of certain sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission; also the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any sums at present in the hands of the *West India* Relief Commissioners which may hereafter be claimed by the persons entitled thereto.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Statute Law Revision (Ireland) Bill.

The Statute Law Revision (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell) Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Bothwell*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 19th day of this instant May.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Where assessors not officers of Inland Revenue, case may be demanded for opinion of two Judges of Court of Session) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Evidence to be taken, if required) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Case to set forth grounds of appeal, &c.): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 13th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Sir *Andrew Lusk*, Mr. *Hopwood*, and Mr. *Earp* do prepare, and bring it in.

West India Loans Bill. Bill 167.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to provide for the winding-up of the *West Indian* Relief Commission, and for the remission of certain Sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill. Bill 168.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as relates to the *Waterford* Provisional Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the County Infirmaries (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant May.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 12*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

A PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Lancaster* and of the *Lancaster* Gas Company, praying that provision may be made in the *Lancaster* Gas Bill for confirming an agreement between the Corporation of *Lancaster* and the *Lancaster* Gas Company for transferring to the said Corporation the undertaking of the said Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sidmouth Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Sidmouth* Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Leeds* Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

South Dublin Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South *Dublin* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

The *Caledonian* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

The *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Millwall Dock Bill.

The *Millwall* Dock Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East *Norfolk* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade,* and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Nelson* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Persons aggrieved may appeal) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Arrears may be enforced by appointment of a Receiver) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Norwich* Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Bann* Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Teign Valley* Railway Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in respect to all the Provisional Orders set out in the Schedule to the

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull,* &c.) Bill,

referred on the First Reading thereof, with the exception of that relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the *Chard* Union.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as regards the Provisional Order relative to the *Chard* Union, be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Roper's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords; and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Glasgow. Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Railway Bills (Group 4.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c. Bill.

Admiral *Egerton* reported from the Committee on the *Glasgow* Municipal Extension, &c. Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recitals relating to the Extension, and had made provision in the Bill, pursuant to the Instruction of the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twelfth Report.

London School Board (Temporary Loans.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *London* School Board (Temporary Loans), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 176.

Sinking Fund Accounts.

Ordered, That the Sinking Fund Accounts, which were presented upon the 9th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 177.

Public Records (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eleventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records in *Ireland* [18th March 1879].

Mr. Goffin.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of April last, for Returns relative to the case of Mr. *Goffin.*

Peace Preservation (Ireland) Acts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of *Ireland,* dated 5th May 1879, revoking the Proclamation dated 15th February 1867, as to the County of *Kerry.*

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the following Scheme under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874:

No. 42.

Scheme for the Management of the Foundation known as *Law* and *Hutcheson's* Charity, in the Parish of *Kingscliffe,* in the County of *Northampton.*

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

Copy of Order of the Lords of the Council, dated 8th May 1879, further revoking Article 13 of the Foreign Animals Order, as far as it relates to Swine brought from the United States of *America,* and declaring that the same may be landed without being subject, under the Act of 1878, or under the above Order, to Slaughter or to Quarantine.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 3rd May 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *Charles Bird,* Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Loan Societies.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of Accounts of

of Loan Societies in *England* and *Wales*, to 31st December 1878, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Bill 175.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Westgate and Birchington Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Westgate* and *Birchington* Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Education Department under "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," to enable the School Boards for *Brighton* and *Preston* United District (*Sussex*), *Gotherington* (*Gloucester*), *Loughor* Borough (*Glamorgan*), and *Membury* (*Devon*), to put in force "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and the Acts amending the same; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords*] (*changed from* "Freiston Shore (Estuary of the Wash) Reclamation Bill.")

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Incorporation of the *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Company, and for authorising them to reclaim certain lands in the Estuary of the *Wash*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the *Ayr* Harbour Trustees to construct a Slip Dock and other Works, to acquire additional Lands, and to borrow additional Money; for sanctioning the Wet Dock constructed by them; for defining the Limits of the Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 23,343, to complete the Sum connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act, the Registration of Trade Marks Act, and the Registration of Designs Act.

2. £. 20,744, to complete the Sum for the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General in *London* and *Dublin*.

3. £. 8,332, to complete the Sum for the Establishments under the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the *West India* Islands Relief Commissioners.

4. £. 17,420, to complete the Sum for the Public Record Office.

5. £. 38,801, to complete the Sum for the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in *England*.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 377,088, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Stationery, Printing, and Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for the two Houses of Parliament, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Stationery Office, and the Cost of Stationery Office Publications, and of the *Gazette* Offices; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including a Grant in Aid of the Publication of Parliamentary Debates:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 376,918, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Stationery, Printing, and Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for the two Houses of Parliament, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Stationery Office, and the Cost of Stationery Office Publications, and of the *Gazette* Offices; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including a Grant in Aid of the Publication of Parliamentary Debates:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 372,088, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Stationery, Printing, and Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for the two Houses of Parliament, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Stationery Office, and the Cost of Stationery Office Publications, and of the *Gazette* Offices; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including a Grant in Aid of the Publication of Parliamentary Debates:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

7. £. 19,386, to complete the Sum for the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

8. £. 33,684, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 14,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rylands*, Sir *Charles Dilke*:	59.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	155.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

10. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Exchequer, *Scotland*, of certain Officers in *Scotland*, and other charges formerly on the Hereditary Revenue:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,028, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment

payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Exchequer, *Scotland*, of certain Officers in *Scotland*, and other Charges formerly on the Hereditary Revenue;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Andrew Lusk*, Mr. *Ramsay*: } 30.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 107.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

11. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,783, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in *Scotland* and certain Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,783, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in *Scotland* and certain Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays——put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

12. £. 4,621, to complete the Sum for the Board of Lunacy in *Scotland*.

13. £. 5,409, to complete the Sum for the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in *Scotland*.

14. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 15,523, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor, and for Expenses under the Public Health and Vaccination Acts, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation in *Scotland*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,323, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor, and for Expenses under the Public Health and Vaccination Acts, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation in *Scotland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

15. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,852, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,290, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Sir *George Campbell*: } 44.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 165.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,596, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses——put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,524, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *O'Connor Power*: } 49.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 193.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 24,840, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 24,440, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. £. 13,109, to complete the Sum for the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of the Collection of Agricultural and Emigration Statistics in *Ireland*.

17. £. 18,596, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of *Ireland*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill. Bill 169.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 22 to N° 27, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 28, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES,

CLAUSES, N° 29 to N° 38, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 39, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 40 to N° 42, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 43, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 44 to N° 53, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 54 (Application of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 4, to leave out from the word "recovered" to the word "under," in l. 7.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 55, agreed to.

A Clause (Compensation to Clerks of the Peace) ——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

First Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

West India Loans Bill.

The *West India* Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill. Bill 170.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant May.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law Amendment Act (1876) Amendment Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the regulation of certain Lands forming part of *Matterdale* Common,

mon, and situated in the Parish of *Greystoke*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain other Lands forming the remainder of the same Common, and situated in the same parish, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands known as *Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons, situate in the Parish of *South Hill*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands situated in the Township of *Maltby* and Hamlet of *Stone*, both in the Parish of *Maltby*, in the County of *York*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the regulation of certain Lands forming part of *East Stainmore* Common, and situated in the Township of *East Stainmore*, in the Parish of *Brough*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain other Lands forming the remainder of the same Common, and situated in the same Parish, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill. Bill 171.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the regulation of certain Lands forming part of *Matterdale* Common, and situated in the Parish of *Greystoke*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain other Lands forming the remainder of the same Common, and situated in the same Parish, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill. Bill 172.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands known as *Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons, situate in the Parish of *South Hill*, in the County of *Cornwall*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill. Bill 173.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands situated in the Township of *Maltby* and Hamlet of *Stone*, both in the Parish of *Maltby*, in the County of *York*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common) Bill. Bill 174.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the regulation of certain Lands forming part of *East Stainmore* Common, and situated in the Township of *East Stainmore*, in the Parish of *Brough*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, and the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain other Lands forming the remainder of the same Common, and situated in the same Parish, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 13*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Standing Orders.

MR. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Medway Docks.

That, in the case of the *Medway* Docks Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Notices of the objects of the Bill be forthwith published in the newspapers prescribed by Standing Order No. 9; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the Great Eastern Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London Bridge Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *London* Bridge Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained, as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital that it was expedient the Corporation should be authorised to supply Light by other means than Gas, and had made other Amendments therein in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out

out the power to supply Light by Electricity, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Vicars* and *Smith's* Patent Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colchester Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Colchester* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them; that in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 25th day of February last, Clause 54 had been struck out of the Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made provision in the Bill in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 9th instant; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Didcot*, *Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital that it was expedient the Local Board should be authorised to manufacture and supply other Light than Gas, and had made other Amendments therein, to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true: and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, which had been referred to him as Unopposed, That the Promoters of the Bill had obtained power to insert certain additional Provision, and a Petition had been deposited in the Private Bill Office against such additional Provision.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred back to the Committee of Selection.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in accordance with the decision of the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bridport Railway Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on the *Bridport* Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 21st of February last, the powers for constructing Railway No. 2 have been struck out of the Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on Group No. 9 of Railway Bills; That, there being no business ready for their consideration, they had adjourned till Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

The *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

The *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Saint Bartholomew's* Hospital Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Yarmouth* and *North Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Belfast Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Belfast* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ayr* Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

City of London School Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the City of *London* School Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill, presented on or before the 17th day of this instant May, be referred to the Committee, and that such Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

No. 178.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Mr. *W. E. Forster* reported from the said Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and taken evidence thereon, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Medway Docks.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Medway* Docks Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Construction of the Works authorised by "The *Medway* Docks Act, 1866": And that Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice* and Mr. *Herschell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill had stated that the Evidence of *William Haywood* was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That the said *William Haywood* do attend the said Committee on Thursday next at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *William Haywood* do attend the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills, on Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Public Petitions.

Vide Twelfth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Solar Physics, &c.

No. 179.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Solar Physics, &c., which was presented upon the 7th day of April last, be printed.

Loan Societies.

No. 180.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Loan Societies, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant May, be printed.

Explosives.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, under the Explosives Act, 1875, being the Annual Report for the year 1878.

Polling Districts (Coventry.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Council of the City of *Coventry*, under several Acts of Parliament, prescribing new Polling Districts for the said City.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

East India (Finance and Revenue Accounts.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of *India* for the year 1877-78, and Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for 1878-79, with a Comparison of the two years.

East India (Home Accounts.)

Home Accounts of the Government of *India*:—1. An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of *India* from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878:—2. An Estimated Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of *India*, from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879:—3. An Account of the Debts and Credits in *England* of the Government of *India* on 31st March 1879:—4. A List of the Establishment of the Secretary of State in Council of *India*, and the Salaries and Allowances payable in respect thereof, on 31st March 1879:—5. An Account of new or increased Salaries, Establishments, or Pensions granted or created in *Great Britain*, between 1st April 1878 and 31st March 1879:—6. Allowances, Compensations, and Superannuations granted between 1st April 1878 and 31st March 1879, under Act 21 & 22 *Vic.* c. 106:—7. Compensations granted to the Families of Deceased Officers of the *East India* Company's late Maritime Service, in the Form of Annuities, between the 1st April 1878 and 31st March 1879, under Act 3 & 4 *Will.* 4, c. 85:—8. Capital and Revenue Accounts of the *Indo-European* Telegraph to 31st March 1878:—9. Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the *Indian* Troop Service during the year ended 31st March 1878:—10. Statement showing the Net Expenditure incurred on account of the Royal *Indian* Engineering College during the year ended 31st March 1878:—11. A Comparison of the Estimated and Actual Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of *India* for the year 1877-78:—12. A Comparison of the Original and Regular Estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of *India* for the year 1878-79.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Court of Session (Scotland.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Act of Sederunt of 1756, with any Papers explanatory thereof.

Urban Sanitary Districts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in the following Form, in respect of each Urban Sanitary District in *England* and *Wales*, whether a Public Slaughter-house has been provided by the Local Authority under any General or Local Act, and whether Bye-Laws have

have been made by the Local Authority for the Regulation of Slaughter-houses within the District not provided by them; together with a Summary showing (a.) the Total Number of Urban Sanitary Districts in *England* and *Wales*; (b.) the Number of such Districts in which Public Slaughter-houses have been provided by the Local Authorities; (c.) the Number of such Districts in which Bye-Laws have been made by the Local Authorities for the Regulation of Slaughter-houses not provided by them; and (d.) the Number of such Districts in which no such Bye-Laws have been made:—

Name of Urban Sanitary District.	Whether Public Slaughter-house provided by Local Authority under General or Local Acts.	Whether Bye-Laws have been made by Local Authority for Regulating Slaughter-houses in the District not provided by the Local Authority.

Limerick City Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Limerick*, in the room of *Isaac Butt*, Esquire, deceased.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Bispham, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order (*Bispham*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London* and South Western, and *London*, *Brighton* and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill, with an Amendment: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Guaranteed Railway Companies in *India* and the Secretary of State for *India* in Council to enter into Agreements with respect to the working of Railways, and with respect to Telegraphs, and to confer upon those Companies additional Powers with respect to their Undertakings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 179.

The Rivers Conservancy Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next; and to be printed.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 176.

The Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 177.

The Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Prerogative of the Crown.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, to prevent the growing abuse by Her Majesty's Ministers of the prerogative and influence of the Crown, and consequent augmentation of the power of the Government in enabling them, under cover of the supposed personal interposition of the Sovereign, to withdraw from the cognizance and control of this House matters relating to policy and expenditure properly within the scope of its powers and privileges, it is necessary that the mode and limits of the action of the prerogative should be more strictly observed;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "by the Constitution and Laws of this "Realm, it is the right and duty of the Sovereign, "with the advice of the Council, and only by that "advice, or by the advice of Parliament, to direct "the foreign policy of the Country, to negotiate "and enter into Treaties, and to declare war or "conclude a peace," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 14*th May*, 1879:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Robert Peel*, Mr. *O'Connor Power*: } 46.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 347.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Hopwood*: } 43.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 307.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. *Shaw Lefevre* be a Member of the Select Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Towns of *Killarney* and *Parsonstown*: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Law of Libel.

Ordered, That Mr. *Egerton Hubbard* and Mr. *Blennerhassett* be added to the Select Committee on the Law of Libel.

Jurors' Remuneration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Remuneration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant May.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill.

The Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 21st day of this instant May.

Supply [12th May] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Patent Law Amendment Act, &c.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,343, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act, the Registration of Trade Marks Act, and the Registration of Designs Act.

Paymaster General's Office.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,744, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General in *London* and *Dublin*.

Public Works Loan and West India Islands Relief Commissioners.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 8,332, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the *West India* Islands Relief Commissioners.

Public Record Office.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 17,420, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

Registrar General's Office (England.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 38,801, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in *England*.

Stationery, Printing, &c.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 377,088, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Stationery, Printing, and Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Departments of Government in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and some Dependencies, and for the two Houses of Parliament, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Stationery Office, and the cost of Stationery Office Publications, and of the *Gazette* Offices; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including a Grant in Aid of the publication of Parliamentary Debates.

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, &c. Office.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,386, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

Works and Public Buildings.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 33,684, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Secret Services.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, &c. (Scotland.)

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Exchequer, *Scotland*, of certain Officers in *Scotland*, and other Charges formerly on the Hereditary Revenue.

Fishery Board (Scotland.)

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,783, be granted

granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in *Scotland* and certain Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

Lunacy Board (Scotland.)

12. That a Sum not exceeding £. 4,621, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in *Scotland*.

Registrar General's Office (Scotland.)

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in *Scotland*.

Board of Supervision and Public Health, &c. (Scotland.)

14. That a Sum not exceeding £. 15,523, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor and for Expenses under the Public Health and Vaccination Acts, including certain Grants in aid of Local Taxation in *Scotland*.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Household.)

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,852, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* and other Expenses.

Registrar General's Office, &c. (Ireland.)

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 13,109, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of the Collection of Agricultural and Emigration Statistics in *Ireland*.

General Valuation and Boundary Survey (Ireland.)

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 18,596, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of *Ireland*.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

West India Loans Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *West India* Loans Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for *Ireland* relating to the Towns of *Killarney* and *Parsonstown*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed. Bill 178.

East India Revenue Accounts.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and Papers which have been presented to the House in this Session of Parliament relating to the Revenues of *India*, be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 14*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Bill be read the third time.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Warrington* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

Berry's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Thirteenth Report.

Custom Officers (Charge for Overtime.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Custom Officers (Charge for Overtime), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed. No. 181.

Mr. Goffin.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the case of Mr. *Goffin*, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant May, be printed. No. 182.

East India (Finance and Revenue Accounts.)

Ordered, That the *East India* (Finance and Revenue Accounts), which were presented upon the 12th day of this instant May, be printed. No. 183.

East India (Home Accounts.)

Ordered, That the *East India* (Home Accounts), which were presented upon the 13th day of this instant May, be printed. No. 184.

Civil Service Estimates (Grants in Aid of Local Rates.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, for Returns relative to Civil Service Estimates (Grants in Aid of Local Rates).

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th April 1879, awarding a Special Pension to Mr. *Henry Suter*, late Vice Consul at *Larissa* and *Volo*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Court of Session (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of this No. 185.

this instant May, for a Return relative to the Court of Session (*Scotland*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Duties on Cotton Goods.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to *East India* (Duties on Cotton Goods).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords*.] Bill 180.

The Great Seal Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Richard Power*: } 91.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Isaac*, Sir *John Leslie*: } 263.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of April last, That the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act (1875) (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

West India Loans Bill.

The *West India* Loans Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered,

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Salmon Fishery Act with relation to Fixed Engines in Tidal Waters: And that Colonel *Kingscote*, Sir *Joseph Bailey*, and Mr. *Stafford Howard* do prepare, and bring it in.

Indian Marine.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Observance of Discipline in Her Majesty's *Indian* Marine Service: And that Mr. *Edward Stanhope* and Mr. *John G. Talbot* do prepare, and bring it in.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Acts and the Judicature Acts: And that Mr. *Waddy*, Mr. *Wheelhouse*, and Mr. *Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

Sir *John Kennaway* reported from the Committee on the North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out Recitals relating to the alteration in the Levels of certain Railways as to making certain Sidings, and appropriating them to special descriptions of Traffic, and as to provision for fixing the Toll for the user of certain Railways, and to a certain Agreement, in order to make the Preamble consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Denis O'Conor* reported from the Committee on the *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, and *Twickenham* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the words "and *Twickenham*," and found the same, as amended, to be true; that, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 28th day of February, the powers to construct and maintain Tramways 1, 1a, and 1b, have been struck out of the Bill; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South London Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Denis O'Conor* reported from the Committee on the South *London* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by omitting therefrom all reference to the construction of Tramways in the parishes of *Christ Church* and *Saint Saviour* (including the Liberty of the *Clink*), and all powers to run over, work, and use a portion of the Tramways of the *London* Tramways Company (Limited), and to enter into agreements with that Company, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Accounts (Second Report.) No. 186.

Lord *Frederick Cavendish* reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill. Bill 181.

Mr. *Waddy* presented a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Acts and the Judicature Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Indian Marine Bill. Bill 182.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill to provide for the observance of Discipline in Her Majesty's *Indian* Marine Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount *Cranbrook* to attend, to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Marquis of *Salisbury* to attend, to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to the *Hinckley* Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to the *Preston* Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection.

East India [Loan.]

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the *East India* [Loan] was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Tuesday next, on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 23rd day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 15*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Twelfth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, and 13th days of this instant May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway Bill.

A Petition of the *Sevenoaks, Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Company and the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the *Sevenoaks, Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Bill, for giving effect to an agreement between the Petitioners for a sale and conveyance of the whole of the Undertaking, Railway Works, Property, and Powers of the Petitioners, the *Sevenoaks* Company, to the Petitioners, the *Dover* Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Gosport Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Gosport* Street Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Lewes Cattle Market Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Lewes* Cattle Market Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

The East *Norfolk* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

The *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester, Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

The *Nelson* Local Board Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

The *Norwich* Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the construction of a new Road, Bridges, Approaches and Works in or near the City of *Norwich*, to provide for the better care and management of closed Burial Grounds in the City, to extend the powers of the Corporation in relation to the Health and Local Government of the City, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Rathkeale and Newcastle Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Transfer to Company of Undertaking of *Bromley* Company) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Medway Docks Bill.

A Bill to further extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the construction of the Works authorised by "The *Medway* Docks Act, 1866," was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported the *Lansdowne Road, Rathmines*, and *Rathgar* Tramway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported from the Committee on the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 29th day of April; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* reported from the Committee on the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* further reported from the said Committee; That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* reported from the Committee on the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble

Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting a recital authorising the purchase of the rights and property of the Corporation of *Blackburn* in connection with their gas and water undertakings within the district proposed to be added to the Borough of *Over Darwen*, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* further reported from the said Committee; That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

Mr. *Otway* reported the *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the *Lancaster* Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Lord *Henry Lennox* further reported, That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Thirteenth Report.

Civil Service Estimates (Grants in Aid of Local Rates.) No. 187.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Service Estimates (Grants in Aid of Local Rates), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

East India (Duties on Cotton Goods.) No. 188.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Duties on Cotton Goods), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

Police (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-first Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary of *Scotland*, for the year ended 15th March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th May 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *Thomas Newstead*, Labourer, in the Royal Laboratory.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Lords of the Council, dated the 13th day of this instant May, directing the substitution of 16th May 1879 for 1st June 1879, in Article 1 of the Order of Council of the 8th instant, relating to Swine brought from the United States of *America*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 4, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the execution of the Treaty of *Berlin* in *Eastern Roumelia*.

Bankruptcy (French Law) (Commercial No. 11, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of February last, for a Return relative to Bankruptcy (*French* Law).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railways (Ireland.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of December last, for a Return relative to Railways (*Ireland*).

River Thames (Board of Trade Staff.)

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant May, for Returns relative to River *Thames* (Board of Trade Staff).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

London School Board (Public Elementary Schools.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns from the School Board for *London*, showing for each of the Years 1876, 1877, 1878, and separately for each Division of the Metropolis:—

1. The Number of and Accommodation in Public Elementary Schools, distinguishing—
   - A. Voluntary Schools { Public; Private;
   - B. Board Schools { Built or provided by the Board; Transferred to the Board;
2. The Number of Children on the Rolls, and their Average Attendance in each School respectively;
3. The Number of Visitors employed in carrying out the Bye-laws;
4. The Total Cost of each School erected by the Board, including the Cost of the Site, Erection of the Buildings, Permanent Fittings, Legal Expenses, Surveyor's Charges, Compensation, &c., and the Amount of Cost *per* Head separately for Site and Premises;
5. The Annual Income and Expenditure of the Board, distinguished as follows:—

Income.

Grant.	Fees.	Rates.	Loans.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.

Expenditure.

Provision of Schools.			Maintenance of Schools.	Administration of Bye-laws.	Office Expenses.	Industrial Schools.	Miscellaneous, including Permanent Offices.	TOTAL.
New Schools.	Interest on Loans.	Sinking Fund.						

showing the Cost of Maintenance *per* Head for each Year, with Summaries for each Year, since the Establishment of the Board (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 265, of Session 1876):

——Of Amount in the Pound levied by Precept but not necessarily received within the Year, for each Year since 1870:——And, of Copy of Estimate made by the Board in 1873 of the ultimate Charge to be made on the Rates, page 15, of the Memorandum dated the 25th day of October 1873.

Bank of England.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Amount of Bank Notes of the Bank of *England* held by the Public, and of Bank Notes of the Bank of *England* and Coin held in Reserve by the Bank of *England*:——Of the Total Amount of Bullion:——Of the Minimum Rate of Interest charged by the Bank of *England*:——And, of the Total Amount of Deposits, including the Balances on account of the Exchequer, on the last day of the week, from the 1st day of January 1878 to the 31st day of December 1878 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 179, of Session 1878).

London School Board (Rate, Accommodation, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns with reference to the District of the School Board for *London*, as follows:—

1. The Rate in the £. for the Nine Years 1871-2 to 1879-80 inclusive;
2. The Accommodation in new permanent Board Schools added in each year from 1871 to 1878 inclusive;
3. Average Cost (including all Charges) of (a.) Site; (b.) Building; and (c.) Furniture in the case of all Board Schools where the Accounts are closed;
4. The average Attendance in—
   (a.) Board Schools;
   (b.) Other efficient Schools;
   (c.) In (a) and (b) together;
   ——according to the Bye-laws Returns for Christmas of each year from 1871 to 1878 inclusive:

——Under the following Heads, with reference to all Board Schools inspected during the years ended on the 31st day of August 1875 to 1878 inclusive:

(i.) Average Attendance;
(ii.) Infants Four to Seven Years of Age;
   (a.) Number qualified for Presentation;
   (b.) Number Presented;
(iii.) Boys and Girls over Seven Years of Age;
   (a.) Number qualified for Examination;
   (b.) Number presented for Examination in each Standard;
   (c.) Percentage of passes in each Standard in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic respectively;
   (d.) Number for Payment in Three Special Subjects, in Two Special Subjects, in One Special Subject;
(iv.) Average Grant *per* Child:

——Of the Average Gross Cost *per* Child, and Average Nett Cost *per* Child chargeable to Rates in Board Schools, for each of the years ended the 29th day of September 1875 to 1878, inclusive:——Of the Number of Children sent to Industrial Schools in each year from 1871 to 1878, inclusive; and the Number of Children remaining in Industrial Schools at the close of each of the above years:——And, of the Number of Juvenile Offenders (under Sixteen Years of Age) who were under detention at the close of each year ending the 29th day of September from 1871 to 1878, inclusive, in the following Prisons:—*Newgate*; City Prison at *Holloway*; House of Detention, *Clerkenwell*; *Horsemonger Lane*; *Wandsworth*; *Maidstone*; *Ilford*; *Springfield*; *Coldbath Fields*; *Tothill Fields*; Her Majesty's Prison at *Westminster*.

Public Expenditure.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Public Expenditure (Exchequer Issues) Charges on Taxes, 1857-8 to 1878-9 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 300, of Session 1878).

National Debt.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the National Debt for each year from 1857-8 to 1878-9, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 366, of Session 1878).

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day subsequent to the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill be postponed until after the Notice of Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for promoting University Education in *Ireland*.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Portsmouth Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Portsmouth* Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Tipton* Local Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords*] (*changed from* "Llandisilio Improvement Commissioners Bill.")

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for appointing Commissioners and vesting in them certain Lands in the Parish of *Llandisilio*, and enabling them to form a Public Recreation Ground and Reading Room, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for effecting an Arrangement between the *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Company and their Creditors, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords*.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend "The *Dublin* (South) City Market Act, 1876"; to enable the Company to construct new Streets, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Estate of *Stuckgown*, in the County of *Dumbarton*, and to provide for the Application of the Price thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Stuckgown* Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 30 (Offences in relation to billeting).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 27, after the words "non-commissioned officer," to insert the words "or soldier."

Question proposed, That the words "or soldier" be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the words "or "soldier" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 31 (Offences in relation to the impressment of carriages, and their attendants).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 14, to leave out from the word "say" to the word "fails" in l. 18.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 25, to leave out the word "proper."

Question proposed, That the word "proper" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 32 (Enlistment of soldier or sailor discharged with ignominy or disgrace).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 22, to leave out the words "penal servitude," in order to insert the words "imprisonment only."

Question put, That the words "penal servitude" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 93.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Major *Nolan*: } 35.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 33 (False answers or declarations on enlistment).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 32, after the word "by," to insert the words "district "or garrison."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 34 (General offences in relation to enlistment).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, ls. 8 and 9, to leave out the word "imprisonment," in order to insert the words "penal servitude."

Question proposed, That the word "imprisonment" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 35, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 36 (Injurious disclosures).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, ls. 25 and 26, to leave out the words "or incurred the risk of "producing."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *Hopwood*: } 38.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 146.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 16*th May*, 1879:

University Education (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for University Education in *Ireland*: And that The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Kavanagh*, Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Lord *Charles Beresford*, and Mr. *Parnell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £. 6,694,816 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;

And

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 39.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Edward Jenkins*, Mr. *Dillwyn:* } 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Noxious Gases Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 16th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That Mr. *Shaw Lefevre* be a Member of the Select Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hares (Ireland) Bill.

The Hares (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the modification of a Scheme confirmed by "The Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Confirmation Act, 1876": And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

University Education (Ireland) Bill. Bill 183.

The *O'Conor Don* presented a Bill to make better provision for University Education in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill. Bill 184.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the modification of a Scheme confirmed by "The Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Confirmation Act, 1876": And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts [Salaries, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the extension of the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, relating to the Salaries and Pensions of Puisne Judges of the High Court of Justice, and of the Officers attached to their persons, to any additional Judge who may be appointed under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for amending the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts;

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) [Pay and Allowances, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Pay and Allowances, Half Pay, and Pensions to Members of the Volunteer Force, and of Pensions to their Widows: also of Allowances to Clerks of general meetings of Lieutenancy in *Ireland*, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session, to authorise the enrolment of Volunteer Corps in *Ireland*;

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment [Expenses.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses which may be incurred in keeping order in, cleaning, and in the management and use of, the Royal Courts of Justice, under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865";

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to *Wellingborough* Gas, *Oystermouth* Water, and *Thirsk* District Water Orders, be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Intoxicating Liquors (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 16*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

MR. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital as to the expediency of extending the time for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the "Short Line at *Werneth, Oldham*," and by reciting the Acts authorising the lines of Railway, the time for the acquisition of lands for which, and the time for their construction and completion is extended by the Bill, and by adding a recital as to the approval by the Proprietors of the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway of a scheme for the consolidation of certain of the guaranteed and preferential stocks of the Company prepared under the provisions of "The *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Act, 1877," and had made other Amendments therein, to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be

be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh*, *Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Preston Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Preston* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the power to acquire and exercise patent rights in respect of any artificial means of lighting other than gas which may be invented from time to time, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by filling in certain dates, in order to make it consistent with the circumstances of the case which were proved before them, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vestry of Saint Pancras Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the Vestry of *Saint Pancras* Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that the Bill, as submitted to them, appeared to carry out the recommendations of the Board without being further amended.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Wisbech* Gas Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *London* and South Western, and *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London*, *Brighton*, and South Coast Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Vicars and Smith's Patent Bill [*Lords.*]

Vicars and *Smith*'s Patent Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

The *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ilkley* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Lancashire* County Justices Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Rotherham* Borough Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Interest not to be paid on calls paid up) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Belfast Water Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Belfast* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill (1878.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill, in Session 1878, be referred to the Committee on the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill.

City of London School Bill.

Mr. *Plunkett*, Sir *John Lubbock*, and Mr. *Hanbury* were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the City of *London* School Bill.

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Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government Provisional Order (*Cartworth*) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of theExaminers of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Thirteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Police (Scotland.) No. 189.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Police (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Railways (Ireland.) No. 190.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Army (Mr. Godrich.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to the Army (Mr. *Godrich*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Number of Electors.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of February last, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Number of Electors).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Tramways (Burnley and District and Oxford Provisional Orders.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade with respect to the Applications of the Promoters of the *Burnley* and District Tramways, and the *Oxford* Tramways, Provisional Orders.

Tramways (Chesterfield, Brampton, Whittington, and Swansea Provisional Orders.)

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade with respect to the Applications of the Promoters of the *Chesterfield, Brampton*, and *Whittington*, and the *Swansea* Tramways Provisional Orders.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Inland Revenue (Fee Stamps.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the Amounts received by the Inland Revenue Department for Fee Stamps in the United Kingdom, during the year ended 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2308] of April 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 37, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 38 (Duelling and attempting to commit suicide).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 7, after the word "suicide" to insert the words "while not "undergoing a sentence of imprisonment."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 39 (Refusal to deliver to civil power officers and soldiers accused of civil offences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, ls. 14 and 15, to leave out the words "deliver over to the civil "magistrate, or to."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 40 (Conduct to prejudice of military discipline).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 27, to leave out the words "on conviction by courts "martial," in order to insert the words "be tried "by court martial, and on conviction shall."

Question proposed, That the words "on conviction by courts martial" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 27, after the words "court martial" to insert the words "and not otherwise."

Question proposed, That the words "and not otherwise" be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the words "and not otherwise" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 27, to leave out after the word "liable," to the word "soldier," inclusive, in l. 29.

Question put, That the words "if an officer" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 157.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Arthur Hayter*, Mr. *Bristowe*: } 73.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 28, to leave out the word "cashiered," in order to insert the word "dismissed.'

Question proposed, That the word "cashiered" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 29, after the word "imprisonment," to insert the words "for a term not exceeding eighty-four days."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Rylands*: } 68.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 198.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always "that when an officer has been convicted by a "civil court of an indictable offence, he shall "cease from the date of such conviction to belong "to Her Majesty's Army."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "an indictable "offence," in order to insert the word "felony."

Question proposed, That the words "an indict-" able offence" stand part of the proposed Amendment :—Amendment to the proposed Amendment and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided where an "officer has been convicted by a civil court of "felony he shall cease from the date of such con-"viction to belong to Her Majesty's Army."

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 41 (Offences punishable by ordinary law).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, ls. 20 and 21, after the word "court-martial," to insert the words "if there is no possibility of trying the "offender within a reasonable time before a com-"petent civil court."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 26, after the word "is," to insert the words "situated "in *India* or in any country in *India* under the "protection of Her Majesty and is."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 24, after the word "manslaughter," to insert the words "treason felony."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 26, after the word "is," to insert the words "situated "in *India* or in any country in *India* under the "protection of Her Majesty, or is in any place "beyond the seas where there is no civil judicature "and is."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 42 (Mode of complaint by officer).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, after the word "thereon," to insert the words "In *India* any such officer may complain to the "Commander in Chief in *India*, who, if he is "unable to give such officer the redress to which "he may consider himself entitled, shall forward "the complaint to the Commander in Chief to be "disposed of as above directed."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, to leave out from the word "thereon" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported, from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £. 6,694,816 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That Mr. *Shaw Lefevre* be a Member of the Select Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Mr. *Gordon*, Colonel *Kingscote*, and Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* were nominated other Members of the Committee.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts [Salaries, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature Acts [Salaries, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the extension of the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, relating to the salaries and pensions of puisne Judges of the High Court of Justice, and of the officers attached to their persons, to any additional Judge who may be appointed under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for amending the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) [Pay and Allowances, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) [Pay and Allowances, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Pay and Allowances, Half Pay, and Pensions to Members of the Volunteer Force, and of Pensions to their Widows; also of Allowances to Clerks of general meetings of Lieutenancy in *Ireland*, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to authorise the enrolment of Volunteer Corps in *Ireland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses which may be incurred in keeping order in, cleaning, and in the management and use of, the Royal Courts of Justice, under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865."

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months";

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Select Committee on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

The Medical Appointments Qualification Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Select Committee on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Select Committee on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Parochial Boards (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names and Population, at date of last Census, of the different (1.) Burghal, (2.) Combination, (3.) Rural assessed, and (4.) Non-assessed Parishes in *Scotland*; the Total Number of Members on each Board; the Number of (a.) Heritors, (b.) Elected Members, (c.) Representatives of Kirk Sessions, and (d.) Representatives of Magistrates on each Board; stating in each case whether there is a Committee of Managers, and, if so, its composition, according to same heads as in the case of each Board; the Number of Persons in receipt of Parochial Relief in each Parish at the 14th day of May 1878, their proportion *per cent.* to the general Population, and the Total Cost of their Maintenance *per* Head for the year ending the 14th day of May 1878:—

Name of Parish.	Population.	Number of Members of Board.	Composition of Board.				Composition of Committee of Management, if any.				Persons in receipt of Parochial Relief in each Parish at 14th May 1878.			Remarks.
			Heritors.	Elected Members.	Representatives of Kirk Sessions.	Representatives of Magistrates.	Heritors.	Elected Members.	Representatives of Kirk Sessions.	Representatives of Magistrates.	Number.	Proportion Per Cent. of the General Population.	Cost of Maintenance per Head for the Year ending 14th May 1878.	
Total														

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

That, in the case of the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill, so far as it relates to *Chard*, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group J).

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* reported from the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday the 26th day of this instant May, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

Mr. *Otway* reported from the Committee on the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital as to the production, manufacture, and supply of Electric Light or any other illuminating power, so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the County Infirmaries (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Castle Douglas) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Castle Douglas*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Pemberton Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Pemberton* Local Board Bill, without any Amendment.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from the *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Railway at *Belleek* to the Town of *Donegal*, and other Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend "The *Upper Mersey* Navigation Act, 1876"; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dudley Sewage Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm an Arrangement between the Earl of *Dudley* and the Corporation of *Dudley* with reference to the disposal of the Sewage of the Town of *Dudley*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Company to borrow further Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to grant further Powers to the Great Northern Railway Company (*Ireland*) with respect to their own Undertaking; and to enable them to purchase the *Dublin* and *Antrim* Junction and the *Newry* and *Armagh* Railways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Commutation of Tithes in the City of *London*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Settlement of Tithes in the Parish of *Christchurch, Newgate Street*, in the City of *London*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Lords give leave to the Viscount *Cranbrook* to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the *East Indian* Railway Bill, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

Enniskillen and Bundoran, and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran*, and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dudley Sewage Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dudley* Sewage Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Christchurch, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Christchurch, Newgate Street* (*London*) Tithes Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Brewers' Licences.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the nature and incidence of the Tax upon Brewers' Licences," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 115.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Knatchbull-Hugessen*, Mr. *Wheelhouse*: } 53.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Noxious Gases Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 17*th May*, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 26th day of this instant May.

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 26th day of this instant May.

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Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 92.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Richard Power*: } 15.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gibson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Trustees Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Hares (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hares (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months";

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Staveley Hill*, Mr. *Knight*: } 48.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *James*: } 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Dorset* and *Montgomery*, *Northampton*, *Salop*, *Wilts*, and *York* (East Riding): And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Tramways Orders Confirmation.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Tramways Act, 1870," relating to *Bristol* Tramways (Extensions), *Briton Ferry* and *Swansea* Tramways, *Burnley* and District Tramways, *Chesterfield*, *Brampton*, and *Whittington* Tramways, *Crewe* and District Tramways, *Derby* Tramways, *Dewsbury*, *Batley*, and *Birstal* Tramways (Extension), *Ipswich* Tramways, *Leamington* and *Warwick* Tramways, *Liverpool* Corporation Tramways, *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* Tramways, North *London* Suburban Tramways, *Oxford* Tramways, *Staffordshire* Tramways, *Stoke-upon-Trent*, *Fenton*, *Longton*, and District Tramways, *Sunderland* Corporation Tramways, *Sunderland* Tramways (Extension), *Swansea* Tramways (Extension), *Tynemouth* and District Tramways, *Wigan* Tramways, *York* Tramways; and for empowering the Board of Trade to grant Licences for the use for limited periods, by way of experiment, of Steam or Mechanical Power upon Tramways in certain cases: And that Mr. *John G. Talbot* and Viscount *Sandon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Gloucester* and *Hereford*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Bill 185.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the provisions of "The Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878," relating to the Counties of *Dorset*, *Montgomery*, *Northampton*, *Salop*, *Wilts*, and *York* (East Riding): And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Bill 186.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported from the Committee on the *Morecambe* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

Bill 187.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Tramways Act, 1870," relating to *Bristol* Tramways (Extensions), *Briton Ferry* and *Swansea* Tramways, *Burnley* and District Tramways, *Chesterfield*, *Brampton*, and *Whittington* Tramways, *Crewe* and District Tramways, *Derby* Tramways, *Dewsbury*, *Batley*, and *Birstal* Tramways (Extension), *Ipswich* Tramways, *Leamington* and *Warwick* Tramways, *Liverpool* Corporation Tramways, *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* Tramways, North *London* Suburban Tramways, *Oxford* Tramways, *Staffordshire* Tramways, *Stoke-upon-Trent*, *Fenton*, *Longton* and District Tramways, *Sunderland* Corporation Tramways, *Sunderland* Tramways (Extension), *Swansea* Tramways (Extension), *Tynemouth* and District Tramways, *Wigan* Tramways, *York* Tramways; and for empowering the Board of Trade to grant Licences for the use for limited periods, by way of experiment, of Steam or Mechanical Power upon Tramways in certain cases: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Bill 188.

Colonel *Kingscote* presented a Bill to amend the Salmon Fishery Act with relation to Fixed Engines in Tidal Waters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next; and to be printed.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver.) No. 191.

SIR *Henry Jackson* reported from the Select Committee on Hall-Marking (Gold and Silver); That they had considered the Matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London Street Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Denis O'Conor* reported from the Committee on the *London* Street Tramways Bill; That, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 18th day of March, all the Powers to construct Tramways except Tramways Nos. 1 and 1a have been struck out of the Bill.

Mr. *Denis O'Conor* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out a recital relative to running powers over portions of other Tramways in order to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Manchester Corporation Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Manchester* Corporation Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Tipton Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Tipton* Local Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

The *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for conferring Powers upon the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers of *Aire* and *Calder*, in the County of *York*, for the better Supply of Gas to the Port and Town of *Goole* and Neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

The Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

The *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Warrington Corporation Bill.

The *Warrington* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for authorising the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Warrington*, in the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Chester*, to construct additional Gasworks; and for making better provision for the Improvement and Government of the Borough, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bridport Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Bridport* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colchester Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Colchester* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Didcot*, *Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Glasgow Municipal Bill (*changed from* "Glasgow Municipal Extension, &c.")

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Glasgow* Municipal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London Bridge Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Mirfield* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South London Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South *London* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

The House proceeeded to take into consideration the *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

Ordered, That the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Glasgow*, *Wellington Street*, United Presbyterian Church Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Roper's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

The *Teign Valley* Railway Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

A Petition of the *Queenstown* Gas Company, praying that provision may be made in the *Queenstown* Gas Bill to enable the Town Commissioners to purchase the Undertaking of the said Company, upon terms to be settled by Arbitration, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the following Bill, *viz.*:

Sevenoaks, *Maidstone* and *Tunbridge* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, That they have power to make Provision therein, pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Stuckgown Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Ayr Harbour Bill.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Thirteenth Report.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Number of Electors.)
No. 192.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Number of Electors), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

Tramways Act, 1870 (Burnley and District and Oxford Provisional Orders.)
No. 193.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Tramways Act, 1870 (*Burnley* and District and *Oxford* Provisional Orders), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

Tramways Act, 1870 (Chesterfield, Brampton, and Whittington, and Swansea Provisional Orders.)
No. 194.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Tramways Act, 1870 (*Chesterfield*, *Brampton*, and *Whittington*, and *Swansea* Provisional Orders), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

Inland Revenue (Fee Stamps)
No. 195.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Inland Revenue (Fee Stamps), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

Army and Militia Reserves.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of further Regulations, &c. relative to the Payment and Discipline of the Army Reserve, Militia, and Militia Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported from the Committee on the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the construction of Sheds on Sir *John Rogerson* Quay, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Telegraphs (South Africa.)
No. 196.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Agreement, dated the 9th day of May 1879, entered into by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury with the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance and Eastern Telegraph Companies for establishing Telegraphic Communication with the *South African* Colonies, together with Copy of the Treasury Minute in regard thereto.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Postal Service (India, &c.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Cost of the Packet Service between this Country and *India*, *Ceylon*, *Straits Settlements*, *China*, *Japan*, and *Australasia*, including Incidental Expenses, showing since the 1st day of February 1868:—

(1.) The Charge apportioned to each Country;
(2.) The Amounts taken in the Annual Estimates, distinguishing the Ordinary from the Supplementary Estimates;
(3.) The Sums received in this Country, and received here from *India*, *Ceylon*, *Straits Settlements*, *China*, and *Japan*, on account of this Service;
(4.) Amounts paid into Her Majesty's Exchequer in respect of such Receipts;
(5.) Net Loss to this Country on each year since the 1st day of February 1868.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Exchequer and Audit Regulations.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Orders and Regulations prescribed by the Treasury for carrying into effect the Provisions of the Act 29 & 30 *Vic.* c. 39 (Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866), in continuation of Return No. 111, of the 11th day of March 1867.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Severn Bridge and Forest of Dean Central Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Severn* Bridge and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Sleaford Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Sleaford* Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Croesor, and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Company to make and maintain a new Branch Line of Railway; to change their Name, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give further Powers to the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Lords give leave to the Marquess of *Salisbury* to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the *East India* Railway Bill, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 56,706, to complete the Sum for the Salaries of the Law Officers; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury.

2. £. 162,444, to complete the Sum for Criminal Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions.

3. £. 147,768, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, of the Court of Appeal, and of the Supreme Court of Judicature, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

4. £. 52,809, to complete the Sum for such Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions of the High Court of Justice, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, for the Salaries and Expenses of the District Registrars of the High Court, and certain Circuit Expenses.

5. £. 78,228, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registries of Probates, and Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, &c. in the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

6. £. 9,375, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Admiralty Registrar and Marshal of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

7. £. 10,110, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Wreck Commissioner.

8. £. 31,542, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the *London* Bankruptcy Court

Court as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

9. £. 366,679, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

10. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,518, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Land Registry:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,518, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Land Registry;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rylands*, Mr. *Bell:* } 88.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 140.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

11. £. 18,690, for the Expense of Revising Barristers in *England*.

12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 11,763, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of *London* and *Sheerness:*

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,763, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of *London* and *Sheerness;*

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Hibbert:* } 38.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*, } 74.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

13. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 352,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Horse Patrol and *Thames* Police, and for the Salaries of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Receiver:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 252,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Horse Patrol and *Thames* Police, and for the Salaries of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Receiver:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

14. £. 890,148, to complete the Sum for certain Expenses connected with the Police in Counties and Boroughs in *England* and *Wales*, and with the Police in *Scotland*.

15. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 359,126, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Superintendence of Convict Establishments, and for the Maintenance of Convicts in Convict Establishments in *England* and the Colonies:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Treaties, &c.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will not recognise or "accept as binding any Treaty or other engage-"ments entered into by Her Majesty's Ministers "which might forestall or limit the control of this "House over the Financial Resources and Taxa-"tion of this Country, until full information as to "such contemplated engagements has been laid "upon the Table of this House, and this House "shall have had the opportunity of expressing an "opinion thereon," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment [Expenses.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses which may be incurred in keeping order in, cleaning, and in the management and use of, the Royal Courts of Justice, under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend "The Courts of Justice Building Act, 1865."

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Bothwell*) Bill; and, after some

some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3, postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 4 and N° 5, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 6, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 7 and N° 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N 9, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 3, disagreed to.

A Clause added.

Another Clause (As to ascertaining the annual value of mines and minerals)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Great Seal Bill was, according to Order, read a second tine; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Indian* Marine Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next.

Banking and Joint Stock Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster)

The Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 27th day of this instant May, at Two of the clock.

Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Order (*Cartworth*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 27th day of this instant May, at Two of the clock.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 27th day of this instant May, at Two of the clock.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts [Salaries, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature Acts [Salaries,] &c., a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the extension of the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, 1873 and 1875, relating to the Salaries and Pensions of Puisne Judges of the High Court of Justice, and of the officers attached to their persons, to any additional Judge who may be appointed under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for amending the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) [Pay and Allowances, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) [Pay and Allowances, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Pay and Allowances, Half Pay, and Pensions to Members of the Volunteer Force, and of Pensions to their Widows; also of Allowances to Clerks of general meetings of Lieutenancy in *Ireland*, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session, to authorise the enrolment of Volunteer Corps in *Ireland*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant May, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Hares (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hares (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Terms of Removal (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for uniform Terms of Removal from Lands and Houses in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *Montgomerie*, Sir *William Cuninghame*, Mr. *Mackintosh*, and Sir *Windham Anstruther* do prepare, and bring it in.

Select Committees on Public Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of Members of Select Committees during the present Parliament, the Number of Committees to which they were Nominated, the Number of their Attendances on such Committees, the Number of Days such Committees Sat, and the Number of Committees each Member was on at the same time.

Costs Taxation (House of Commons.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1847:" And that Mr. *Raikes* and Mr. *Mowbray* do prepare, and bring it in.

Terms of Removal (Scotland) Bill. Bill 189.

Mr. *Montgomerie* presented a Bill to provide for uniform Terms of Removal from Lands and Houses in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill. Bill 190.

Mr. *Raikes* presented a Bill to amend "The House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1847:" And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Elective County Boards (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Elective County Boards (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for resuming, upon Wednesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of April last, That the Municipal Franchise (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 18th day of June next.

County Courts Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 191.

The County Courts Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 192.

The Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Employers' Liability Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 20th May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Brighton and Hove Gas Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Glasgow Corporation Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Glasgow* Corporation Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Belfast Water Bill.

The *Belfast* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The *Ilkley* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the *Ilkley* Gas Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Lancashire* County Justices Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

The *Rotherham* Borough Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

The *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

The *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Navigation to raise more Money, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Vestry of Saint Pancras Bill [*Lords.*]

The Vestry of *Saint Pancras* Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Brentford and Isleworth Tramways Bill (*changed from* "Brentford, Isleworth, and Twickenham Tramways.")

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Brentford* and *Isleworth* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

Ordered, That the *Lansdowne Road*, *Rathmines*, and *Rathgar* Tramway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words, "upon "Tuesday the 24th day of June next."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Order, That the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection, so far as relates to the *Waterford* Provisional Order, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill.
Upper Mersey Navigation Bill.
Dudley Sewage Bill.
London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill.
Christ Church, Newgate Street (*London*), Tithes Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Medway Docks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the following Bill, *viz.*:

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Lancaster Gas Bill.

That, in the case of the *Lancaster* Gas Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, provided that Notices of the objects sought by the Petition be published once in the *London Gazette* and in three successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the County of *Lancaster*; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Thirteenth Report.

Army (Registers of Births, Deaths, and Mariages.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence as to the Deposit of Military Registers of Births, Deaths, and Marriages with the Registrar General at *Somerset House*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Marks (Commercial, No. 12, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports relative to Legislation in Foreign Countries on the subject of Trade Marks. Part I. *European* Countries.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Schemes, &c. requiring Parliamentary Sanction.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Acts under which Departments are authorised to prepare and present to Parliament, Charitable, Educational, and other Schemes, and Prison or other Rules, requiring Parliamentary Sanction, giving in each case the Name and Date of the Acts, the Name of the Department, and the Number of Days after which, if not objected to, such Schemes and other matters come into operation, stating in each case the Practice as to the reckoning of the Days during which they are required to lie upon the Table of either House of Parliament.

Prison Commissioners (Brecon County Prison.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of March last, for Returns relative to Prison Commissioners (*Brecon* County Prison).

Prisons (Middlesex and Surrey.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return relative to Prisons (*Middlesex* and *Surrey*).

Inclosure Commissions (Special Report.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Special Report by the Inclosure Commissioners relative to the Inclosure of certain Waste Lands in the Parish of *Whittington*, in the County of *Stafford*.

Polling Districts (Manchester.)

Copy of Order by the Council of the City of *Manchester*, for the division of the Parliamentary Borough of *Manchester* into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Vote on Account.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Estimate showing the several Services for which a further Vote "on Account" is required for the year ending 31st March 1880.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Population and Revenue.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Population of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, according to the last Quarterly Return made by the Registrar General, as estimated by him therein, for the middle of 1879; and the proportional Number of Members of Parliament which each Division of the United Kingdom would have if the 658 Members were allotted to them according to Population:—— And, of the Total Net Produce of the Revenue derived from Taxation in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, respectively, according to Parliamentary Paper, No. 382, of Session 1878; and the proportional Number of Members of Parliament which each Division of the United Kingdom would have if the 658 Members were allotted according to the Amount of Revenue derived from Taxation.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital on the expediency of confirming an agreement scheduled to the Bill; and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported *Berry*'s Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Dun Drainage Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Dun* Drainage Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the power to use any artificial means of lighting which may from time to time be invented, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting a recital as to the Books of Reference having been duly deposited, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the West *Lancashire* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the making of new Railways, the raising of further capital, and running powers and working arrangements with the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Company, the *London* and North Western Railway Company, and the Midland Railway Company, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Sevenoaks*, *Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to certain agreements and arrangements between the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, and the *Sevenoaks*, *Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Company, the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (Arbitration) Act, 1869, and the awards made thereunder, the *Crystal Palace* and *Sevenoaks* Railway Act, 1874, and the legal and other proceedings between the two Companies, and by reciting the expediency of provision being made for a sale to the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company of the Undertaking of the *Sevenoaks*, *Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Company on the terms of the scheduled agreement, and of the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company being authorised to raise additional capital, and also reciting the submission and approval of the said agreement at meetings of the two Companies, in order to make the Preamble consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made Provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 19th instant; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Banks (East India and the Colonies.)

The Order, made upon the 5th day of this instant May, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Banks (*East India* and the Colonies), was read, and discharged.

Banks (British Possessions.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return giving a List of all Banks carrying on Business in *India*, and in each *British* Possession:——Statements of all Authorities, Imperial or Local, whether Charter, Statute, or other Instrument, under which each Bank carries on Business:——And, of all General Laws, Imperial or Local, regulating the conduct of Banking in *India* and each *British* Possession.

Commons (Special Report.) No. 198.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Select Committee on Commons; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Special Report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 42 (Mode of complaint by officer).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, to leave out from the word "thereon" to the end of the Clause.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Question put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 43 (Mode of complaint by soldier).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18. l. 9, after the word "officer" to insert the words "or noncom-"missioned officer."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 44 (Scale of punishments by courts-martial).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 35, to leave out the words "Penal servitute for a term not "less than five years."

Question proposed, That the words "Penal "servitude for a term not less than five years" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 35, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "three."

Question proposed, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p, 18, l. 36, to leave out the words "with or."

Question proposed, That the words "with or" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 5, to leave out from the word "years" to the word "mentioned," in l. 6, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	239.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *Sullivan:*	56.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 7, after the word "service" to insert the words "Dismissal if a Volunteer from Her Majesty's "service."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed,

posed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [19th May] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 9th day of June next.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

The House was moved, That the Resolution which, upon the 6th day of this instant May, was reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and then agreed to by the House, might be read; and the same was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Customs and Inland Revenue.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c.) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant May, That the *Indian* Marine Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to the *Aspull* Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hares (Ireland) Bill.

The Hares (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee on the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:

That, in the case of the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill, which had been referred to the Chairman of Ways and Means as unopposed, that a Petition from the *Glasgow* Tramway and Omnibus Company had been deposited against the Bill, complaining of matter which had arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.

Walton-on-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported from the Committee on the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Post Office Telegraphs. No. 199.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report of the Treasury Officers of Accounts on the subject of certain Representations made to the Treasury respecting the Purchase by the Post Office of the Undertaking of the United Kingdom Electric Telegraph Company (Limited) under the Provisions of "The Telegraphs Act, 1868" (31 & 32 *Vic.* c. 110).

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Seal (Salary.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of additional Salary to any Officer which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law respecting the manner of passing Grants under the Great Seal, and respecting Officers connected therewith;

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Foreign Import Duties. No. 200.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Rates of Duty levied on certain Articles imported into the principal *European* Countries and the United States in each of the years 1859 and 1879.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Local Government Provisional Orders (Ashton-under Lyne, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Birmingham* Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.

East London Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the East *London* Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bromley Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Bromley* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway in the County of *Antrim*, from *Ballymena* to *Portglenone*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Probate, Legacy, and Succession Duties.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that in lieu of Probate and Administration Duty, which is now payable according to unequal rates, upon the personal estate of deceased persons, and in lieu of Legacy Duty, which is now payable at various rates and various times in respect of each separate gift by will, and each separate share of an intestate's estate, one Duty only should be levied, at a uniform rate, upon the value of the personal estate of every deceased person;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "expe-"dient" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "to reconsider and revise the progres-"sive rates of Probate and Administration Duty, "and to afford greater facilities for the assessment "and settlement of Legacy and Succession Duties "upon future or contingent events, and for the "relief of executors, administrators, and trustees "in respect of the same," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 21*st May*, 1879:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Dodds*, Mr. *Barclay*:	59.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	131.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "to reconsider and revise the progressive rates of Probate and Administration Duty, and to afford greater facilities for the assessment and settlement of Legacy and Succession Duties upon future or contingent events, and for the relief of executors, administrators, and trustees in respect of the same," be added, instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Gregory*, Mr. *Goldney*:	131.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Chamberlain*:	24.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to reconsider and revise the progressive rates of Probate and Administration Duty, and to afford greater facilities for the assessment and settlement of Legacy and Succession Duties upon future or contingent events, and for the relief of executors, administrators, and trustees in respect of the same.

Sugar Industries.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Sugar Industries do consist of Seventeen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Bourke*, Mr. *Alexander Brown*, Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Thornhill*, Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *James Corry*, Mr. *Norwood*, Mr. *Balfour*, Lord *Frederick Cavendish*, Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, Mr. *Collins*, Mr. *Orr Ewing*, Mr. *Morley*, Mr. *Onslow*, Mr. *Courtney*, and Mr. *Ritchie*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Prerogative of the Crown.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 13th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That to prevent the growing abuse by Her Majesty's Ministers of the prerogative and influence of the Crown, and consequent augmentation of the power of the Government in enabling them, under cover of the supposed personal interposition of the Sovereign, to withdraw

withdraw from the cognizance and control of this House matters relating to policy and expenditure properly within the scope of its powers and privileges, it is necessary that the mode and limits of the action of the prerogative should be more strictly observed;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 17th day of June next.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of June next.

Trustees Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 21*st May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Further provisions as to construction of Tramways) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (As to rails of Tramways) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Penalty for not maintaining rails and road in good condition) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Money borrowed on mortgage to have priority) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Small parcels) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Cheap fares for labouring classes) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Periodical revision of tolls) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Morecambe* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Portsmouth, Southsea*, and *Landport*, and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Power to purchase lands, &c. by agreement) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Further provisions as to construction of Tramways) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (As to rails of Tramways) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Periodical revision of tolls) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Penalty for not maintaining rails and road in good condition) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Preston Gas Bill

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Preston* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Wisbech* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

The House, according to Order proceeded to take into consideration the *Lansdowne Road, Rathmines*, and *Rathgar* Tramway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Mint.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ninth Annual Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1878.

Probate and Legacy Duty.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Probate and Legacy Duty.

Bank of England.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to the Bank of *England*.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 19th May 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their retirement under the Act 41 and 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Brigade Depôts.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing in Columns, with Totals, of the Number of Drilled Soldiers now at each of the following Brigade Depôts, both the Linked Battalions of which are at present serving Abroad:—

Brigade Depôt.	Regiments.	Number of Drilled Soldiers.
10th	14th, Two Battalions	
11th	4th, ditto	
25th	24th, ditto	
28th	6th, ditto	
29th	48th and 58th	
36th	13th, Two Battalions	
38th	66th and 99th	
45th	3rd, Two Battalions	
55th	71st and 78th	
56th	92nd and 93rd	
58th	72nd and 91st	
60th	73rd and 90th	
61st	21st, Two Battalions	
62nd	1st, Two Battalions	
65th	89th and 94th	
Totals -		

Army (Infantry Regiments.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing in Columns, with Totals, the Number of Rank and File now serving in each Infantry Regiment at Home who have completed One Year's Service, and how many of this Number are over 20 years of Age:—

Regiment.	Number of Rank and File who have completed One Year's Service.	Number over 20 Years of Age.
Totals -		

Committees.

Ordered, That Committees shall not sit To-morrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock, and have leave to sit until Six of the clock, notwithstanding the Sitting of the House.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "while this House recognises "that the funds set free by the disestablishment "of the *Irish* Church should be devoted to the "benefit of the people of *Ireland*, provided they "are not again applied to the support of any "sectarian religion, it is not desirable to devote "additional public funds to the further promotion "of higher education in *Ireland* till adequate pro-"vision is first made for elementary teaching in "that Country without aid from Imperial funds "exceeding that given to other parts of the United "Kingdom," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to apply the Sum of Six million six hundred and ninety-four thousand eight hundred and sixteen pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on

on the Thirty-first of March One thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Entail (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Entail in *Scotland*: And that Mr. *James Barclay* and Mr. *Mackintosh* do prepare, and bring it in.

Entail (Scotland) Bill.

Bill 193.

Mr. *James Barclay* accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law of Entail in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd May, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Thirteenth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, and 20th days of this instant May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Bridport Railway Bill.

The *Bridport* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the *Bridport* Railway Company to make a new Railway, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Colchester Water Bill.

The *Colchester* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for reincorporating and conferring further Powers upon the Company of Proprietors of the *Colchester* Waterworks, for the raising of Capital, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Bill.

The *Didcot, Newbury*, and *Southampton* Junction Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glasgow Municipal Bill.

The *Glasgow* Municipal Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to confer further Powers on the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of *Glasgow* for Municipal and Police purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agred to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

London Bridge Bill.

The *London* Bridge Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The *Mirfield* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The *Nottingham* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South London Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the South *London* Tramways Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

The *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the construction of Tramways in *Southwark, Deptford*, and other places in the Counties of *Surrey* and *Kent*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

The *Taff Vale* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to empower the *Taff Vale* Railway Company to make a new Railway and other Works; and to acquire additional Lands in the County of *Glamorgan*, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Cardiff* Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh, Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Transfer to Local Board of Powers of *Elsecar, Hoyland*, and *Wentworth* Gas Company to supply Gas within Township of *Wombwell*, and defining limits of Act) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Girvan and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill.

Neath and *Brecon* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Order is applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill, the Examiner of Petitions for private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Schemes, &c. requiring Parliamentary Sanction.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Schemes, &c. requiring Parliamentary Sanction, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 201.

Bank of England.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Bank of *England*, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 202.

Court of Bankruptcy (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Annual Returns of the Official Assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*, showing the state of every Bankruptcy and Insolvency under their charge, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miscellaneous Statistics.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Miscellaneous Statistics of the United Kingdom, Part X.

Railways (Certificates) (Wemyss and Buckhaven Railway.)

Mr *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade for the construction of the *Wemyss* and *Buckhaven* Railway, and for other purposes.

Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspection.)

Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade, by the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Strond*, and the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 316, of Session 1877).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Consular Reports) (Commercial (No. 13, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls, on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of their Consular Districts. Part II. Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *P. A. Taylor* have leave of absence until Whitsuntide, on account of indisposition.

Gaols (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Prisoners, Male and Female, who were in each of the Gaols and Bridewells in *Ireland* on the 30th day of September 1878:——Of the Number committed from that Date up to the 31st day of March 1879:——Of the Number in each Gaol or Bridewell on the 31st day of March 1879, distinguishing the Number of Prisoners in each Gaol or Bridewell according to the several Religious Denominations, as under:—

Gaol or Bridewell.	Number of Prisoners in Gaol on the 30th September 1878.				Number of Prisoners Committed between the 30th September 1878 and 31st March 1879.				Number of Prisoners on 31st March 1879.			
	Catholics.	Protestants.	Presbyterians.	Total.	Catholics.	Protestants.	Presbyterians.	Total.	Catholics.	Protestants.	Presbyterians.	Total.

——And,

——And, of the Number, Religious Denomination, and Salary of the Chaplain or Chaplains in each Gaol or Bridewell.

East India Revenue Accounts.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Revenue Accounts;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Finance (Reduction of Expenditure.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, regarding with apprehension "the present state of *Indian* Finance, approves "the decision to reduce the Expenditure," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

East India [Loan.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* [Loan];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [19th May] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Law Charges (England.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.56,706, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries of the Law Officers; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, and of the Department of the Queen's Proctor for Divorce Interventions; the Costs of Prosecutions, including those relating to the Coin, and to Bankruptcy, and of other Legal Proceedings conducted by those Departments; and various other Legal Expenses, including Statute Law Revision, and Parliamentary Agency.

Criminal Prosecutions, &c.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.162,444, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Criminal Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, and for Adjudications under the Criminal Justice Act and the Juvenile Offenders Acts; for Sheriffs' Expenses, for Salaries to Clerks of Assize and other Officers, for Compensation to Clerks of the Peace and others; and for Expenses incurred under Extradition Treaties.

Chancery Division (High Court of Justice.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.147,768, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, of the Court of Appeal, and of the Supreme Court of Judicature, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Queen's Bench and other Divisions (High Court of Justice.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £.52,809, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions of the High Court of Justice, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund, for the Salaries and Expenses of the District Registrars of the High Court, and certain Circuit Expenses.

Probate and other Registries (High Court of Justice.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.78,228, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registries of Probates, and Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, &c. in the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

Admiralty Registry (High Court of Justice.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £.9,375, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Admiralty Registrar and Marshal of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

Wreck Commissioner's Office.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £.10,110, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Wreck Commissioner.

Bankruptcy Court (London.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £.31,542, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the *London* Bankruptcy Court as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

County Courts.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £.366,679, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

Land Registry Office.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,518, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Land Registry.

Revising Barristers (England.)

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £.18,690, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of Revising Barristers in *England.*

Police Courts (London and Sheerness.)

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £.11,763, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of *London* and *Sheerness.*

Metropolitan Police.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £.352,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police and of the Horse Patrol and *Thames* Police, and for the Salaries of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Receiver.

County and Borough Police (Great Britain.)

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £.890,148, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for certain Expenses connected with the Police in Counties and Boroughs in *England* and *Wales,* and with the Police in *Scotland.*

Convict Establishments (England and the Colonies.)

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £.359,126, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course

course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Superintendence of Convict Establishments, and for the Maintenance of Convicts in Convict Establishments in *England* and the Colonies.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Summary Jurisdiction Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, compensation should be made to clerks of the peace, "now paid by fees, for the diminution of their "incomes which will be caused by the provisions "of this Bill," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "inexpedient," the words "under the particular "circumstances of the case."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, column 1, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "sections," the words "7. Obtaining money by false pretences where the value of "the whole of the money alleged to have been so "obtained does not, in the opinion of the court "before which the charge is brought, exceed five "shillings."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Dodson*, Mr. *Hopwood:*	27.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	37.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "servant," the words "where the property "which is the subject of the alleged offence does "not, in the opinion of the court before whom the "charge is brought, exceed forty shillings."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 12th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill, Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill, and Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill, and the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill, be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell) Bill.

The Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Bothwell*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 12th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant May, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant May, That the *Indian* Marine Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Great Seal [Salary.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal [Salary];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 22.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 13.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of additional Salary to any Officer which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law respecting the manner of passing Grants under the Great Seal, and respecting Officers connected therewith.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill.

The Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 12th day of June next.

The

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 23*rd May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Parliamentary Reporting.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Parliamentary Reporting have leave to sit this day till Five o'clock, during the sitting of the House.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Queenstown Gas Bill.

That, in the case of the *Queenstown* Gas Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, That they have power to make Provision therein pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

East London Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the East *London* Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Bromley Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Bromley* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

North British Railway (General Powers) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *North British* Railway (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Berry's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Berry's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The *Blackburn* Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Brentford and Isleworth Tramways Bill.

The *Brentford* and *Isleworth* Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the construction of Street Tramways in *Brentford* and *Isleworth*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

The *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

The *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for authorising the North *Staffordshire* Railway Company to construct certain Railways and Works for the improvement of their System in the Counties of *Stafford* and *Chester*; to abandon portions of certain Railways; to appoint Directors of the *Cheadle* Railway Company; to amend the Company's Acts with respect to Tolls and Charges; to provide for the establishment of Hotels, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

The *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of *Wales*, as Duke of *Cornwall*, is concerned therein;

Sir *John Hay*, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the subject-matter

matter of this Motion, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

The *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South London Tramways Bill.

The South *London* Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Army) Act, 1879.
2. An Act to declare the true meaning of Section Thirty of the Friendly Societies Act, 1875.
3. Assessed Rates Act, 1879.
4. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1879.
5. An Act to amend the Act Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth *Victoria*, Chapter Forty-two, for the Abolition of Petty Customs.
6. Poor Law Act, 1879.
7. Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Order Confirmation Act, 1879.
8. Drainage and Improvement of Lands Supplemental Act (*Ireland*), 1879.
9. General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862, Order Confirmation (*Paisley*) Act, 1879.
10. General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862, Order Confirmation (*Inverness*) Act, 1879.
11. Land Drainage Supplemental Act, 1879.
12. Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867, Order Confirmation (*Castle Douglas*) Act, 1879.
13. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Ashton-under-Lyne*, &c.) Act, 1879.
14. *Dover* and *Deal* Railway Act, 1879.
15. Grand Junction Waterworks Act, 1879.
16. North and South *Woolwich* Subway Act, 1879.
17. Ecclesiastical Commissioners (*Croydon*) Act, 1879.
18. *Bury Saint Edmund's* Gas Act, 1879.
19. *Nottingham* Waterworks Act, 1879.
20. *New River* Company's Act, 1879.
21. *Weymouth* and *Melcombe Regis* Bridge Act, 1879.
22. *Brewood* and *Wolverhampton* Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1879.
23. *Chester* Cemetery Extension Act, 1879.
24. *Burnt Fen* District Act, 1879.
25. *Forth Bridge* Railway Act, 1879.
26. *Llandudno* Improvement Act, 1879.
27. *Whitby* Port and Harbour Act, 1879.
28. *Norwich* Union Fire Insurance Society's Act, 1879.
29. *Westgate* and *Birchington* Water Act, 1879.
30. *Sidmouth* Railway Act, 1879.
31. *Leeds* Corporation Act, 1879.
32. South *Dublin* Railway Abandonment Act, 1879.
33. Borough of *Portsmouth* Waterworks Act, 1879.
34. *Saint Bartholomew's* Hospital and *Brasenose* College Act, 1879.
35. *Pemberton* Local Board Water Act, 1879.
36. *Rathkeale* and *Newcastle* Junction Railway Act, 1879.
37. South Western and *Brighton* Railway Companies (Steam Vessels) Act, 1879.
38. *Gosport* Street Tramways Act, 1879.
39. *Lewes* Cattle Market Act, 1879.
40. *London, Brighton*, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Act, 1879.
41. *Severn Bridge* and *Forest of Dean* Central Railway Act, 1879.
42. *Sleaford* Water Act, 1879.
43. An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to *Thomas Vicars* the Elder, and *Thomas Vicars* the Younger, of *Liverpool*, in the County of *Lancaster*, and *James Smith*, of the same Place, for the Invention of Improvements in Self-stoking Furnaces.
44. *Birmingham* (Corporation) Water Act, 1879.
45. *Manchester* Corporation Waterworks Act, 1879.
46. *Tipton* Local Board Act, 1879.
47. *Brighton* and *Hove* Gas Act, 1879.
48. *Glasgow* Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1879.
49. *Saint Pancras* Loans Act, 1879.
50. *Ryder Richardson's* Estate Act, 1879.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill. (Thirsk District Water Order.)

Mr. *Clifford* reported from the Committee on the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill; That they had considered the matters therein contained of the Confirmation of the Order in the Schedule thereto, in respect of the *Thirsk* District Water Order, that the Provisional Order relating thereto ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill in respect thereof, as amended, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Private Bills (Group L.)

Sir *Lawrence Palk* reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday 16th June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

Sir *Lawrence Palk* reported from the Committee on the *Leicester* Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital with respect to the production and supply of Light and Heat derived from other sources than Coal Gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir *Lawrence Palk* further reported from the Committee; That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

Sir *Lawrence Palk* reported from the Committee on the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out therefrom the recital, that it is expedient that the right of access of carts to the carriage drive be regulated, and at times prohibited; and that the sale of fish and marketable commodities be restricted to the Markets, and by reducing the amounts of the estimates for new Streets and Street Improvements, and the supply of other illuminating agents than Gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir *Lawrence Palk* further reported from the Committee; That the compulsory Powers of the Bill extend over upwards of fifteen houses, occupied by persons belonging to the labouring classes; but the Clause mentioned in the Standing Order, No. 186, has not been inserted in the Bill, the Committee having decided such Clause to be inapplicable, inasmuch as it was proved to them that no inconvenience is likely to arise from the displacement of the occupiers of those houses, there being equally good accommodation for them in the neighbourhood; that a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* reported from the Committee on the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Percy Wyndham* further reported; That as the Tramways are to be constructed by the Corporation of *Glasgow* as an addition to and to form part of an extensive system of Tramways already authorised by Parliament, and it was proved to the Committee that certain Sewers and other Works in connection with the alteration and improvement of roads would require to be completed before certain of the Tramways were constructed, and further that it would be inconvenient that many of the streets in the City should be interfered with at the same time, the Committee have granted a period of three years for the completion of the Tramways.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Parliamentary Reporting.

No. 203.

Mr. *W. H. Smith* reported from the Select Committee on Parliamentary Reporting; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Halesowen* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and added a recital that the holders of upwards of three-fourths of the amount of the Company's Debenture Stock had consented, in writing, to the Station Rent mentioned in the Schedule to the Bill being paid in priority to the Interest on such Debenture Stock, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *South Shields* Gas Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted the recommendations therein contained.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the power to use Electricity as a means of Lighting, and had made other Amendments therein, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted the recommendations therein contained.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital that it was expedient that the Company should be authorised to produce, manufacture, and supply light, heat, and motive power, produced by other agencies than Coal Gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital authorising the use of improved means of Lighting, other than Gas, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 2nd instant; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported *Roper's* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, *West Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the making of a new Railway and the raising of further capital for such purpose, and by inserting recitals as to the Bill having been assented to in writing by a certain proportion of the debenture stockholders, mortgagees, preference and ordinary shareholders of the *West Cork* and *Kinsale* Railway Companies respectively, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourteenth Report. Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspection.) No. 204.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspection), which were presented upon the 22nd day of this instant May, be printed.

Manufacturers, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 14, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of the Countries in which they reside. Part III. Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army (Sale of Arms.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of April last, for a Return relative to the Army (Sale of Arms).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mines.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Mines to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill.

Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* reported from the Committee on the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.) Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board was laid before the Committee, and considered by them, and they have adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals as to the new Railway, and as to the borrowing of money (other than for waterworks and sewerage purposes) as to tolls, as to an agreement with the Earl of *Lonsdale*, and as to the abolition of nominees, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* reported from the Committee on the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital of the expediency of making a new Road in the Parish of *Silkstone*, and by adding an exception of Railway No. 5, authorised by the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railways Act, 1874, from the recital of the expediency of extending the time for the completion of the Railway and Works by that Act authorised, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Furness Railway Bill.

Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* reported from the Committee on the *Furness* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out so much thereof as related to the proposed new Footpaths and the consolidation of Debenture Stock, and had made other Amendments therein, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill.

Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill.

Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill.

Inclosure Provisional Order (*East Stainmore* Common) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Message from The Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the *Belfast* Central Railway Company, and to make further Provision for regulating their Affairs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Belfast* Central Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House regrets that Lord *Lytton* and "his advisers have shown such unwise disrespect "for the sentiments of a vast population, which is "at the same time deprived of all constitutional "representation, and subject to a harsh and grinding taxation of the most oppressive kind," instead thereof.

East India (Lord Lytton.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Sir *William Fraser*:	215.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *O'Donnell*, Sir *David Wedderburn*:	36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Revenue Accounts.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant May, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Revenue Accounts);

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 24th May, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 12th day of June next.

East India [Loan.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East India* [Loan].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise in the United Kingdom any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding £. 10,000,000, for the Service of the Government of *India*, on the Security of the Revenues of *India*.

Amendment proposed, to leave out "£. 10,000,000," in order to insert "£. 5,000,000."

Question, That "£. 10,000,000" stand part of the proposed Resolution——put, and negatived.

Question, That "£. 5,000,000" be there inserted——put, and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put;

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise in the United Kingdom any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding £. 5,000,000, for the Service of the Government of *India*, on the Security of the Revenues of *India*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Great Seal [Salary.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the Great Seal [Salary], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of additional Salary to any Officer which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law respecting the manner of passing Grants under the Great Seal, and respecting Officers connected therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Summary Jurisdiction Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cashel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Downpatrick) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill.

The Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

The

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Trustee Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Elective County Boards (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elective County Boards (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of June next.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Trustees Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *James*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 21.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. *Severn*: } 41.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next.

Barristers (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Admission of Barristers to practise in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Callan*, Mr. *Patrick Martin*, and Mr. *King-Harman* do prepare, and bring it in.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Callan*, Mr. *Maurice Brooks*, and Major *Nolan* do prepare, and bring it in.

East India Loan [Consolidated Fund.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, a Sum during the year ending the 31st day of March 1880, by way of Loan, to the Secretary of State for *India* in Council;

The Earl of *Yarmouth*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Order (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

The Order, That the Local Government Provisional Order (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill, so far as it relates to the *Preston* Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

The Order, That the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill, so far as it relates to the *Hinckley* Order, be referred to the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents (Commissioners' Office.) No. 205.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement, showing, in respect of each Year, from 1870 to 1878, inclusive, the Number of Patents then in their Fourteenth Year; the Number of Applications to the Privy Council for Prolongation; and the Number of Prolongations actually granted.

Mr. Attorney General accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill. Bill 194.

Mr. *Callan* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Admission of Barristers to practise in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill. Bill 195.

Mr. *Callan* presented a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

Business of the House.

The Order for taking into further consideration, upon Thursday the 12th day of June next, the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said proposed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 24th day of July next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 26*th May*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Rawmarsh Local Board Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Rawmarsh* Local Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

The *Cardiff* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

The *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to incorporate the *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Company, to authorise them to construct Tramways in the Parishes of *Great Grimsby* and *Clee*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lansdowne Road, Rathmines, and Rathgar Tramway Bill.

The *Lansdowne Road*, *Rathmines*, and *Rathgar* Tramway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

The *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh*, *Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

The *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The *Morecambe* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

The *Portsmouth*, *Southsea*, and *Landport*, and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for authorising the Construction of additional Tramways in the Borough of *Portsmouth*, and to *Cosham*, in the County of *Southampton*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Preston Gas Bill.

The *Preston* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The *Wisbech* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The *Wombwell* Local Board Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Sevenoaks Railway Purchase) Bill (*changed from* "Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Railway.")

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (*Sevenoaks* Railway Purchase) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The

London Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Walton-on-the Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West *Lancashire* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ayr* Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Christ Church, Newgate Street* (*London*), Tithes Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Dudley Sewage Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dudley* Sewage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Medway Docks Bill.

The *Medway* Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Stuckgown* Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Furness Railway Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Furness* Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Halesowen* Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Leicester* Corporation Bill, Standing Orders, 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Shields Gas Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *South Shields* Gas Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill (*changed from* "Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension (Railway, &c.)")

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Mr. *Gathorne Hardy* reported from the Committee on the *Queenstown* Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Felixstowe Railway and Pier.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset*, &c.) Bill.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Tramway Orders Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Order which is applicable thereto has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Tramway Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Clare Castle Pier and Harbour.

No. 206.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Clare Castle* Pier and Harbour, which was presented upon the 21st day of March last, be printed.

French Commercial Treaties, &c. (Commercial, No. 15, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the prolongation of the Commercial Treaties between *Great Britain* and *France*, and the existing *French* Commercial Tariff.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education (London School Board.)

No. 207.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Education (*London* School Board).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Coals, Cinders, &c.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, for Accounts relative to Coals, Cinders, &c.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

East India (Silver.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy or Extracts of Papers from Her Majesty's Representatives and Consuls in Foreign Countries having reference to the Silver Question (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 416, of Session 1877).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Health (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (*Scotland*) Act (1867) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glossop Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Glossop* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Greenock Railway Guaranteed Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company Bill, without any Amendment.

Lancashire County Justices Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Lancashire* County Justices Bill, without any Amendment.

Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers upon the *Sharpness* New Docks and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company, for the raising of Capital, for the consolidation of Debenture Stock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the construction of Railways in the County of *Glamorgan*, to be called "The *Treferig Valley* Railway," and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Sharpness* New Docks and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.339,680, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners and other Officers appointed under the 6th and 7th Sections of the Prison Act, 1877, and the Expenses of the several Prisons in *England* and *Wales* to which that Act applies:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item for Pay and Allowances of Officers, including

including Uniform, be reduced by the Sum of £. 75,000;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*: } 24.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 120.

Original Question again proposed;

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further Sum, not exceeding £. 1,101,400, be granted to Her Majesty, on Account, for or towards defraying the Charge for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, *viz.*:—

	£.
CLASS I.	
Ireland:—	
Public Buildings	12,000
CLASS II.	
Ireland:—	
Chief Secretary's Office, &c.	2,500
Charitable Donations and Bequests Office	150
Local Government Board	10,500
Public Works Office	2,500
Record Office	500
CLASS III.	
England:—	
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, *Great Britain*	65,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum	2,300
Scotland:—	
Lord Advocate, and Criminal Proceedings	5,600
Courts of Law and Justice	5,100
Register House Departments	3,000
Prisons, *Scotland*	7,000
Ireland:—	
Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions	7,000
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	3,300
Queen's Bench, &c., Divisions, ditto	2,300
Land Judges' Offices, ditto	1,000
Probate, &c., Registries, ditto	1,000
Court of Bankruptcy	900
Admiralty Court Registry	150
Registry of Deeds	1,600
Registry of Judgments	200
County Court Officers, &c.	6,400
Dublin Metropolitan Police (including Police Courts)	12,000
Constabulary	92,000
Prisons, *Ireland*	12,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	20,000
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum	500
CLASS IV.	
England:—	
Public Education	320,000
Science and Art Department	28,400
British Museum	10,000
National Gallery	1,500
National Portrait Gallery	200
Learned Societies, &c.	2,000
London University	900
Deep Sea Exploring Expedition (Report)	300
Scotland:—	
Public Education	70,000
Universities, &c.	—
National Gallery	200
Ireland:—	
Public Education	80,000
Endowed Schools Commissioners	—
National Gallery	200
Queen's University	—
Queen's Colleges	—
Royal *Irish* Academy	150
CLASS V.	
Diplomatic Services	17,000
Consular Services	22,000
Colonies, Grants in Aid	4,000
Orange River Territory and *St. Helena*	200
Suez Canal (*British* Directors)	150
Suppression of the Slave Trade	600
Tonnage Bounties, &c.	1,200
Cyprus, Military Pioneer Force	—
CLASS VI.	£.
Superannuation and Retired Allowances	75,000
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c.	2,500
Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad	2,600
Pauper Lunatics, *England*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Scotland*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Ireland*	20,000
Hospitals and Infirmaries, *Ireland*	3,000
Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency	—
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Great Britain*	80
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Ireland*	400
CLASS VII.	
Temporary Commissions	4,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	600
Total for Civil Services	£. 944,400
Revenue Departments.	
Customs	—
Inland Revenue	—
Post Office	—
Post Office Packet Service	64,000
Post Office Telegraphs	93,000
Total for Revenue Departments	157,000
Grand Total	£. 1,101,400

Whereupon, Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East India* Loan [Consolidated Fund]. East India Loan [Consolidated Fund.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, the sum of Two Million Pounds, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, by way of Loan, to the Secretary of State in Council of *India*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *East India* [Loan], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: East India [Loan.]

That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise in the United Kingdom any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding £. 5,000,000, for the Service of the Government of *India*, on the Security of the Revenues of *India*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. *Edward Stanhope*, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in. East India Loan (£. 5,000,000.)

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords*], and Local Government Provisional Orders (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government Provisional Orders (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill, be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government Provisional Orders (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 13th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of June next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant May, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 9th day of June next.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve it self into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant May, That the *Indian* Marine Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill.

The Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Gas and Water Provisional Order Confirmation (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*East Stainmore* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Provisional Order (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill, and Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government Provisional Order (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government Provisional Order (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Order (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Order (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 3, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 4 to N° 6, disagreed to.

A Clause (Supply of water by Water Company under guarantee of local authority)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 12th day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 12th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill.

The Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act, 1874": And that Mr. *Yeaman*, Mr. *Baxter*, and Dr. *Cameron* do prepare, and bring it in.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in regard to the Office of Lord Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and for other purposes: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Grand Juries (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Grand Juries and Presentment Sessions in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill

Bill 196.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to make provision in regard to the Office of Lord Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

Bill 197.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented a Bill to enable the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the Service of the Government of *India*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next; and to be printed.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

Bill 198.

Mr. *Yeaman* presented a Bill to amend "The Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874)": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

Bill 199.

Mr. *Lowther* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Grand Juries and Presentment Sessions in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of June next; and to be printed.

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Local Government Provisional Order (*Cartworth*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Lord *Henry Somerset* have leave of absence for two months, on account of ill health.

East India (Silver.)

No. 208.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to *East India* (Silver).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Derby Improvement Bill.

MR. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Derby* Improvement Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared applicable to the case as submitted to them.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital that it was expedient the Corporation should be empowered to light the Borough with Electric or other artificial Light other than Gas, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Glasgow*, *Wellington Street*, United Presbyterian Church Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Roper's Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Roper's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

The *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

The *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

The *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London Chatham, and Dover Railway (Sevenoaks Railway Purchase) Bill.

The *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (*Sevenoaks* Railway Purchase) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for authorising the Sale and Transfer of the Undertaking of the *Sevenoaks*, *Maidstone*, and *Tunbridge* Railway Company to the *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London Street Tramways Bill.

The *London* Street Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The *Stourbridge* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

The West *Lancashire* Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the Time for the completion of the Railways of the West *Lancashire* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Queenstown* Gas Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 224, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That Standing Order 129 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to Monday the 9th day of June next.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Select Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill; That they had considered the Provisional Order for *Aspull*; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 9th day of June next.

Report from Select Committee on Standing Orders referred.

The House was moved, That the Report which, upon the 16th day of this instant May, was made from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, might be read; and the same was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Local Government Provisional

Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill (so far as it relates to *Chard*), the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was received from Mr. *Cotes*, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable on account of illness to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Ballymena and *Portglenone* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Frieston Shore Reclamation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Coals, Cinders, &c.

No. 209.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coals, Cinders, &c., which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant May, be printed.

Cyprus (No. 2, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting certain Complaints against the Government of *Cyprus*.

Germany (Relief of Distressed Seamen) (Commercial, No. 16, 1879.)

Copy of Agreement between the *British* and *German* Governments for the mutual Relief of Distressed Seamen. Signed at *London*, May 27th, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Fisheries (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Inspectors of the *Irish* Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of *Ireland*, for 1878.

Prisons (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary of State, under the Prisons (*Scotland*) Act, 1877, appropriating the General Prison at *Perth* to certain classes of Prisoners.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Cambridge.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes relating to the Foundation of Sir *Wolstan Dixie*, Knight, made 12th December 1878, by the Governing Body of *Emmanuel* College, *Cambridge*, under the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* Act, 1877.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2316] of May 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Temporary Laws.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Register of Temporary Laws for the Sixth Session, Twenty-first Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* (42 & 43 *Victoria*, 1879).

City of London School Bill.

Mr. *David Plunket* reported from the Select Committee on the City of *London* School Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Grain and Flour.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Quantities of the various kinds of Grain and Flour imported into the United Kingdom from 1828 to 1878; the Gazette Average Prices of Corn in each year for the same Period, with the highest and lowest Weekly Average Prices reported in each year, and the Average Annual Prices of Butcher's Meat, Wool, and other Agricultural Produce for the same Period.

Bankrupts' Estates.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, by the Comptroller in Bankruptcy, showing the Number of Trustees of Bankrupts' Estates whose misconduct has been reported by him to the Court in each year since "The Bankruptcy Act, 1869," came into Operation, with the Occupation of each Defaulting Trustee, and the Number of Times reported; also the estimated Loss sustained by Bankrupts' Estates since the passing of the said Act through the Defalcations of Trustees and the Failures of Banks in which the Moneys of such Estates have been deposited by the Trustees.

Registrars, &c. Remuneration.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return by the Registrars and High Bailiffs of the County Courts holden at the following places, *viz.*: *Birmingham*, *Nottingham*, *Manchester*, *Liverpool*, *Hull*, *Leeds*, *Sheffield*, *Bradford*, *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, *Bristol*, *Exeter*, *East Stonehouse*, and *Norwich*; showing the Amount of Income respectively received by each of such Registrars and High Bailiffs, on account of Fees or Remuneration in respect of any Business done, or Office held, to include Remuneration received when acting as Trustees under any Bankruptcy, or other Proceedings instituted under "The Bankruptcy Act, 1869," during the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday the 9th day of June next;——

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent

Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1879.
2. Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867, Amendment Act, 1879.
3. *Cranbrook* and *Paddock Wood* Railway Act, 1879.
4. *London, Chatham,* and *Dover* Railway Act, 1879.
5. *Greenock* Railway Guaranteed Company's Act, 1879.
6. *Lancashire* County Justices Act, 1879.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Monday the 9th day of June next;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out "9th," and inserting "2nd," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "9th" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday the 9th day of June next.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Prisons (England and Wales.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.339,680, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners and other Officers appointed under the 6th and 7th Sections of the Prison Act, 1877, and the Expenses of the several Prisons in *England* and *Wales* to which that Act applies.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Further Vote on Account.)

2. That a further Sum, not exceeding £.1,101,400, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charge for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, *viz.*:—

Civil Services.

Class I.

	£.
Ireland:—	
Public Buildings	12,000

Class II.

Ireland:—	
Chief Secretary's Office, &c.	2,500
Charitable Donations and Bequests Office	150
Local Government Board	10,500
Public Works Office	2,500
Record Office	500

Class III.

	£.
England:—	
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, *Great Britain*	65,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum	2,300
Scotland:—	
Lord Advocate, and Criminal Proceedings	5,600
Courts of Law and Justice	5,100
Register House Departments	3,000
Prisons, *Scotland*	7,000
Ireland:—	
Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions	7,000
Chancery Division, High Court of Justice	3,300
Queen's Bench, &c. Divisions, ditto	2,300
Land Judges' Offices, ditto	1,000
Probate, &c. Registries, ditto	1,000
Court of Bankruptcy	900
Admiralty Court Registry	150
Registry of Deeds	1,600
Registry of Judgments	200
County Court Officers, &c.	6,400
Dublin Metropolitan Police (including Police Courts)	12,000
Constabulary	92,000
Prisons, *Ireland*	12,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools	20,000
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum	500

Class IV.

England:—	
Public Education	320,000
Science and Art Department	28,400
British Museum	10,000
National Gallery	1,500
National Portrait Gallery	200
Learned Societies, &c.	2,000
London University	900
Deep Sea Exploring Expedition (Report)	300
Scotland:—	
Public Education	70,000
Universities, &c.	—
National Gallery	200
Ireland:—	
Public Education	80,000
Endowed Schools Commissioners	—
National Gallery	200
Queen's University	—
Queen's Colleges	—
Royal *Irish* Academy	150

Class V.

Diplomatic Services	17,000
Consular Services	22,000
Colonies, Grants in Aid	4,000
Orange River Territory and *Saint Helena*	200
Suez Canal (*British* Directors)	150
Suppression of the Slave Trade	600
Tonnage Bounties, &c.	1,200
Cyprus, Military Pioneer Force	—

Class VI.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances	75,000
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c.	2,500
Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad	2,600
Pauper Lunatics, *England*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Scotland*	—
Pauper Lunatics, *Ireland*	20,000
Hospitals and Infirmaries, *Ireland*	3,000
Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency	—
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Great Britain*	800
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, *Ireland*	400

Class VII.

Temporary Commissions	4,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	600
Total for Civil Services	£.944,400

Revenue Departments.

Customs	—
Inland Revenue	—
Post Office	—
Post Office Packet Service	64,000
Post Office Telegraphs	93,000
Total for Revenue Departments	157,000
Grand Total	£.1,101,400

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr.

East India Loan [Consolidated Fund.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on *East India* Loan [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, the Sum of Two Million pounds, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, by way of Loan, to the Secretary of State in Council of *India*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. *Edward Stanhope*, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Clonmel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Clonmel*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Order (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Order (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth*, Union, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords*], Local Government Provisional Orders (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill, Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c., Bill [*Lords*], and the Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Metropolis (*Little Coram Street*, *Bloomsbury*, *Wells Street*, *Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street*, *Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill, Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill, Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill, and Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Metropolis (*Little Coram Street*, *Bloomsbury*, *Wells Street*, *Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street*, *Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, and directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 10th day of June next, at Two of the clock.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being

being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 10th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Commitee.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday, the 12th day of June next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Commitee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken in consideration upon Wednesday the 11th day of June next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Jurors' Remuneration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors Remuneration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 17th day of June next.

Grain and Flour.

No. 210.

Viscount *Sandon* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Grain and Flour.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday the 9th day of June next.

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PRAYERS.

Glossop Gas Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Glossop* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

The Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *James*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's Interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

The *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to authorise the *Cork* and *Bandon* Railway Company to purchase the Undertakings of the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction Railway Company, and of the West *Cork* Railway Company, and to acquire certain rights belonging to the *Ilen Valley* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Dun Drainage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords*] (*changed from* "Dun Drainage.")

The *Dun* Drainage Act Amendment Bill was read the third time; and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Furness Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the *Furness* Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *James Lowther*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for conferring further Powers on the *Furness* Railway Company for the construction of Works, the acquisition of Lands, and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking; for authorising them and the Midland Railway Company to execute Works, for empowering the *Furness* Railway Company to subscribe towards the Capital of the *Cleator* and *Workington* Junction Railway Company, for transferring to the *Furness* Railway Company a portion of certain Light Duties of the Commissioners and Trustees of the Port of *Lancaster*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

The *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

The *Halesowen* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The *Leicester* Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

The *Manchester, Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

The *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The *South Shields* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill.

The *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the Limits of the Town and Urban Sanitary District of *Whitehaven*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Treferig Valley Railway Bill.

Belfast Central Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Croesor and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions — Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Prison Commissioners (Brecon County Prison.) No. 211.

Ordered. That the Return relative to Prison Commissioners (*Brecon* County Prison), which was presented upon the 20th day of May last, be printed.

Temporary Laws. No. 212.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Temporary Laws, which was presented upon the 27th day of May last, be printed.

Cyprus (No. 3, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting an Ordinance enacted in *Cyprus* providing for the execution of Public Works.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Historical Manuscripts (Royal Commission.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Part I. Report and Appendix. Part II. Appendix (continued) and Index.

Churches (City of London.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of March last, for a Return relative to Churches (City of *London*).

Criminal Indictments.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of March last, for Returns relative to Criminal Indictments.

Deaths (Starvation, &c.) Metropolitan District.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of March last, for a Return relative to Deaths (Starvation, &c.) Metropolitan District.

Poor Law (Scotland) Board of Supervision.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for Returns relative to the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Board of Supervision.

London School Board.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of May last, for Returns relative to the *London* School Board.

Factory and Workshop Act, 1878.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Three Orders made by the Secretary of State under Part II. of "The Factory and Workshop Act, 1878," dated 14th May 1879, extending certain Special Exceptions.

Peace Preservation (Ireland) Acts.

Copy of a Proclamation by the Lords Justices and Privy Council of *Ireland*, dated 26th May 1879, revoking the Proclamation of certain portions of the County of *Cork*.

Metropolitan Cattle Market.

Abstract of Accounts and Report of Proceedings for 1878, of the Corporation of the City of *London* in respect of the Metropolitan Cattle Market.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copper, &c.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, for a Return relative to Copper, &c.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes awarding Special Retired Allowances to—

George Bascombe, Established Caulker, *Portsmouth* Yard, dated 29th May 1879.

Felix Grylls, Established Caulker, *Portsmouth* Yard, dated 29th May 1879.

Edward Savage, Established Shipwright, *Portsmouth* Yard, dated 29th May 1879.

George Phillips, Established Shipwright, *Devonport* Yard, dated 3rd June 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Victoria and New South Wales (Tariffs.)

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tariffs of the Colonies of *Victoria* and *New South Wales*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Gas Companies (Metropolis.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Gas Companies, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Sinecure Rectories.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of May last, for a Return relative to Sinecure Rectories.

Church Temporalities (Ireland.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Account of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in *Ireland*, for the year ended 31st December 1878, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 26th July 1869 (the commencement of the Commission) to 31st December 1878.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Infirmaries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 129,351, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in *Great Britain*, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Reformatories:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £. 112,000, for Industrial Schools, *England*, be reduced by the Sum of £. 6,891:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the *Broadmoor* Criminal Lunatic Asylum, *England*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 18,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the *Broadmoor* Criminal Lunatic Asylum, *England*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £. 49,613, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department and others connected with Criminal Proceedings in *Scotland*, including certain Allowances under the Act 15 & 16 *Vic.* c. 83.

4. £. 45,931, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in *Scotland*, and other Legal Charges.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 27,268, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, *Edinburgh*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,268, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, *Edinburgh*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 63,433, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for *Scotland*, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics and the Preparation of Judicial Statistics:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item of £. 140, for Salary of Scripture Reader in *Perth* Prison, be omitted from the proposed Vote;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Biggar*, Mr. *Callan*: } 4.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 152.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £. 200 for the Salaries of Female Scripture Readers in *Perth* Prison be reduced by £. 100:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 65,521, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, of Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in *Ireland*, including certain Allowances under the Act 15 & 16 *Vic.* c. 83:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. £. 28,888, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Chancery Division (excluding the Land Judges Offices) of the High Court of Justice, and of the Court of Appeal in *Ireland*, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

8. £. 8,387, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Principal and District Registries of the Probate and Matrimonial Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland*, including certain Officers of the Court.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,574, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and the incidental Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

10. £. 1,195, to complete the Sum for the Admiralty Court Registry, *Ireland*.

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11. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 289,772, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880,

1880, for Superannuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service, and for Compassionate or other Special Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Whitwell*, Mr. *Monk*: } 30.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 120.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 14, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15 (Grant of duties of Income Tax).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Rylands*: } 29.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 57.

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *William Holms*, Mr. *Whitwell*: } 26.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Willliam Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 62.

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant June.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cashel, &c.) Bill [*Lords*], and the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Downpatrick) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill, be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported,

reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant June.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill and the Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill.

Ordered, That the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill, and the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill, be committed to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inclosure Provisional Order (*East Stainmore* Common) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Terms of Removal (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Terms of Removal (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

Bill 200.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland.)

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*), might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and continue the Laws relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in *Ireland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and continue the Laws relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in *Ireland*:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Spirits.

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to Spirits, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Law relating to the distilling, rectifying, or compounding, and dealing in or retailing Spirits.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Law relating to the distilling, rectifying, or compounding, and dealing in or retailing Spirits:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Attorney General and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Removal.

The Select Committee on Poor Removal was nominated of Mr. *Hibbert*, Viscount *Emlyn*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Captain *Corry*, Sir *Arthur Middleton*, Mr. *Hanbury*, Mr. *Ramsay*, Mr. *Forsyth*, Mr. *French*, Mr. *Torr*, Mr. *Martin*, Mr. *Giles*, Mr. *Mark Stewart*, Mr. *Synan*, and Mr. *Salt*.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Select Committee on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill was nominated of Mr. *William Edward Forster*, Dr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Dalrymple*, Mr. *Errington*, Mr. *Goldney*, Mr. *Heygate*, Lord *George Hamilton*, Sir *Trevor Lawrence*, Dr. *Lush*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*, Mr. *Arthur Mills*, Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Mr. Serjeant *Simon*, Mr. *David Plunket*, and Mr. *Wheelhouse*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill. Bill 201.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to authorise the issue of a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund by way of Loan to the Secretary of State for *India*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill. Bill 202.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to consolidate, amend, and continue the Laws relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Spirits Bill. Bill 203.

The Attorney General presented a Bill to consolidate the Law relating to the distilling, rectifying, or compounding, and dealing in or retailing Spirits: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 10*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

City of London School Bill [*Lords.*]

THE City of *London* School Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Glasgow, Wellington Street, United Presbyterian Church Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Glasgow, Wellington Street*, United Presbyterian Church Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

The *Queenstown* Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the *Queenstown* Gas Company.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Derby* Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a secon time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Teign Valley Railway Extension Bill.

The Order, made upon the 19th day of May last, That the *Teign Valley* Railway Extension Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Convicts Theodoridi and Gorlero.

No. 213.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Cases of the Convicts *Theodoridi* and *Gorlero*, which was presented upon the 7th day of April last, be printed.

East India (Memorials of Civil Servants.)

No. 214.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Memorials of Civil Servants), which was presented upon the 5th day of May last, be printed.

Copper, &c.

No. 215.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Copper, &c., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Gas Companies (Metropolis.)

No. 216.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Gas Companies (Metropolis), which were presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Church Temporalities (Ireland.)

No. 217.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Church Temporalities (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Public Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated the 4th day of March last,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 9th June 1879, approving of the Transfer of the Sum of £. 1,600 from Sub-head F. of Vote 10, s. 2 (Repair of Ships by Contract), to Vote 6 of the Navy Estimates for 1879-80, in order to meet the Excess of Expenditure occasioned by the Repair in the Dockyard of Her Majesty's Ship "*Rover*."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 5, 1879) (Eastern Roumelia.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting *Eastern Roumelia*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Report by the Comptroller in Bankruptcy, for the year ended December 31st, 1878 (made in pursuance of Section 115 of the Bankruptcy Act, 1869).

Lancaster Gas Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Lancaster* Gas Bill; That in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 20th day of May last, it was proved to the Committee that Notices of the objects sought by the Petition for additional Provision had been published once in the *London Gazette*, and in three successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper in the County of *Lancaster*.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by reciting that no compulsory Powers are required for the purpose of the sidings authorised by the Bill, except as regards the Railway Company affected, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made Provision in the Bill pursuant to a Resolution of the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonial Import Duties.

No. 218.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Rates of Duty levied on certain Articles imported into the principal Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the years 1859 and 1879 (so far as the same can be given).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army (Soldiers and Marines Drowned.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Soldiers and Marines, including Officers, accidentally Drowned, either on Home or Foreign Service, during the last Ten Years, and of their Names and the Corps to which they respectively belonged.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidebottom* have leave of absence until July 1st, on account of domestic affliction.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 44 (Scale of punishments by courts-martial).

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 18, after the word "imprisonment," to insert the words "an officer who joined the Army before the "abolition of purchase, when sentenced to be "cashiered, shall not forfeit any portion of any "sum of money to which he may be entitled from "the Purchase Commissioners, unless the sentence "of the court otherwise directs."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 23, to leave out from the word "imprisonment" to the word "punishment," in l. 25, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	160.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Hopwood*:	43.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 27, to leave out the word "fifty," in order to insert the word "six."

Question proposed, That the word "fifty" stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The

Supply [9th June] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset*, &c.) Bill, and the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill be committed to the same Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset*, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order of the day, for the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as relates to *Derby* Tramways, *Liverpool* Corporation Tramways, and *Swansea* Tramways (Extension), be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cashel, &c.) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Downpatrick Bill [*Lords.*]

The Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Order Confirmation (*Downpatrick*) Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill.

The Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*East Stainmore* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Commons (Third Report.) No. 219.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Select Committee on Commons; That they had considered the Report of the Inclosure Commissioners, certifying the expediency of a Provisional Order for the Inclosure of *Whittington* Common, and were of opinion

opinion that the same ought to be confirmed by Parliament without modification.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for resuming, upon Thursday next, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 25th day of this instant June.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of this instant June.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of July next.

London School Board.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the rapidly increasing Expenditure of the *London* School Board requires the early attention of the Government, with the view of imposing on it some more effectual checks than appear at present to exist:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 11*th June*, 1879:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Works to defray Expenses incurred in relation to the Promotion of certain Bills in Parliament relating to the Supply of Water to the Metropolis: And that Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, Sir *Charles Dilke*, and Mr. *Rodwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant June.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill. Bill 204.

Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg* presented a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Works to defray Expenses incurred in relation to the Promotion of certain Bills in Parliament relating to the Supply of Water to the Metropolis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 11*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

THE *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

River Thames (Board of Trade Staff.) No. 220.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the River *Thames* (Board of Trade Staff), which was presented upon the 15th day of May last, be printed.

Churches (City of London.) No. 221.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Churches (City of *London*), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Bankruptcy Act, 1869. No. 222.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bankruptcy Act, 1869, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Salmon Fisheries (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by the Inspectors of Salmon Fisheries on the provisions of a Bill to amend the 39th Section of "The Salmon Fishery Act, 1873."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Hours of Polling (Boroughs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hours of Polling (Boroughs) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 165.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Assheton*, Mr. *Halsey*: } 190.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day three months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

Parliamentary Franchise Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of July next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Watch-Cases (Hall-Marking) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watch Cases (Hall-Marking Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 (Extension to Seamen) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset* &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

The Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Local Government District of *Aspull*, the Boroughs of *Birmingham* and *Burnley*, the Improvement Act District of *Chiswick*, the Local Government District of *Keighley*, the Borough of *Kingston-upon-Hull*, the City of *Lichfield*, the Improvement Act District of *Ramsgate*, the Local Government District of *Skelton*, the Boroughs of *Swansea* and *Southampton*, the Improvement Act District of *Wellington* (*Salop*), and the Local Government Districts of *Widness* and *Worthing*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Contagious Diseases Acts.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866–1869, their Administration, Operation, and Effect:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Cavendish Bentinck*, Mr. *Stansfeld*, Colonel *Alexander*, Sir *Harcourt Johnstone*, Viscount *Crichton*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, General *Shute*, Mr. *Burt*, Mr. *Bulwer*, Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*, and Five Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That all Reports and Returns relating thereto be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they have Power to receive Evidence which may be tendered concerning similar systems in *British* Colonies or in other Countries, and to report whether the said Contagious Diseases Acts should be maintained, extended, amended, or repealed.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

Colonel *Loyd Lindsay* reported from the Select Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed. Bill 205.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 12*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords.*]

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Lancaster* Gas Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended in the case of the said Bill, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1875.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a General Order made by the Local Government Board for *Ireland*, under the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Act, 1875, and approved by the Lords Justices for the Assessment upon certain Contributory Poor Law Unions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway Returns.

Viscount *Sandon* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return as to the Capital, Traffic, Receipts, and Working Expenditure, &c. of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Grain and Flour.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Quantities of the various kinds of Grain and Flour imported into the United Kingdom from 1820 to 1827; the Gazette average Prices of Corn in each year for the same period, with the highest and lowest weekly average Prices reported in each year, and the average Annual Prices of Butchers' Meat, Wool, and other Agricultural Produce for the same period (in addition to Parliamentary Paper, No. 210, of the present Session).

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth) Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (*Cartworth*) Bill have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

East India (Telegraphic Communications.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Minutes or Memoranda by the Secretary of State for *India* or by Members of Council in 1873 on the subject of Telegraphic Communications with the Government of *India*.

Army (Aldershot) (Field States of Cavalry Brigade.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Field States of the Regiments comprising the Cavalry Brigade on Parade at *Aldershot* on Thursday the 5th day of June.

East India Revenue Accounts.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee upon *East India* Revenue Accounts);

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 13*th June*, 1879:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it appears by the Accounts laid before this House that the Ordinary Revenue of *India* for the year ending the 31st day of March 1878 was £. 51,795,866; the Revenue from Productive Public Works, including the Net Traffic Receipts from Guaranteed Companies, was £. 7,173,435, making the Total Revenue of *India* for that year £. 58,969,301; that the Ordinary Expenditure in *India* and in *England*, including Charges for the Collection of the Revenue, for Ordinary Public Works, and for Interest on Debt exclusive of that for Productive Public Works, was £. 55,147,832; the Expenditure on Productive Public Works (Working Expenses and Interest), including the payments to Guaranteed Companies for Interest and Surplus Profits, was £. 7,364,556, making a Total Charge for that year of £. 62,512,388; that there was an Excess of Expenditure over Income in that year amounting to £. 3,543,087; and that the Capital Expenditure on Productive Public Works in the same year was £. 4,791,052.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply [9th June] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Great Britain.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 129,351, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in *Great Britain*, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the *Broadmoor* Criminal Lunatic Asylum, *England*.

Criminal Proceedings (Scotland.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 49,613, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in

in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department and others connected with Criminal Proceedings in *Scotland*, including certain Allowances under the Act 15 & 16 *Vic.* c. 83.

Courts of Law and Justice (Scotland.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 45,931, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in *Scotland*, and other Legal Charges.

General Register House (Edinburgh.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 27,268, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, *Edinburgh*.

Prisons (Scotland) (Criminal Lunatics, &c.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 63,433, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for *Scotland*, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics and the Preparation of Judicial Statistics.

Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, and of the Court of Appeal (Ireland.)

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 28,888, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Chancery Division (excluding the Land Judges' Offices) of the High Court of Justice, and of the Court of Appeal, in *Ireland*, as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Probate and other Registries, High Court of Justice (Ireland.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 8,387, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Principal and District Registries of the Probate and Matrimonial Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland*, including certain Officers of the Court.

Court of Bankruptcy (Ireland.)

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,574, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*.

Admiralty Court Registry (Ireland.)

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,195, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Admiralty Court Registry, *Ireland*.

Superannuations and Retired Allowances.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 289,772, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Superannuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service, and for Compassionate or other Special Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Debtors Act (1869) Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of May last, That the *Indian* Marine Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Juries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant June.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant June.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant June.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees' Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Cause or matter other than criminal proceeding of the Crown may be tried before an official referee).

Notice taken, that Forty Members were not present; Committee counted, and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House being told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Friday, 13*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

MR. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that the Bill, as submitted to them, did not appear to require further Amendments in relation thereto.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London), Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Christ Church, Newgate Street* (*London*), Tithes Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that they had adopted the recommendation therein contained.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Medway Docks Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Medway* Docks Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 13th day of May last, it was proved to the Committee, that Notices of the objects of the Bill had been duly published in the Newspapers prescribed by Standing Order No. 9.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Stuckgown* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Ballymena and *Larne* Railway Bill.

Sharpness New Docks and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Derby Improvement Bill.

The *Derby* Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the powers of the Corporation of the Borough of *Derby*, in the County of *Derby*, with respect to the Local Government and Improvement of the Borough, to enable the Corporation to acquire the *Derby* Water Works Company's Undertaking, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The *Lancaster* Gas Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Land Titles and Transfer.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer have leave to sit this day till half-past Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order, made upon the 10th day of this instant June, That the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill, so far as relates to *Derby* Tramways, *Liverpool* Corporation Tramways, and *Swansea* Tramways (Extension), be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the County Infirmaries (*Ireland*) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Lighting by Electricity.

No. 224.

Dr. *Lyon Playfair* reported from the Select Committee on Lighting by Electricity; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Deaths (Starvation, &c.) Metropolitan District.

No. 225.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Deaths (Starvation, &c.), Metropolitan District, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act, 1865, with Annual Returns, for the year ending 31st December 1878, and Statement of Expenses incurred in the Administration of the above Act, in the year 1878.

Fines, &c. (Ireland.)

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penal Sums accounted for under the Acts 14 & 15 *Vic.* c. 90, and 21 & 22 *Vic.* c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1877.

Metropolitan Board of Works.

Copy of the Report of the Metropolitan Board of Works, 1878:——Also, Account in Abstract showing the Receipt and Expenditure, under the several distinct Heads, for the year ended the 31st December 1878:——Also, a Summary Statement of all Contracts entered into during such period, and of the Moneys owing to, and Debts and Liabilities owing by, the Board on the 31st December 1878.

Settled Estates Acts, 1877.

Copy of Rules and Orders of Court for carrying into effect the purposes of the Settled Estates Acts, 1877. March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sugar Drawbacks (Commercial, No. 17, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Sugar Question.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Works (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, with Appendices, for the year 1878–79.

Savings Banks Fund.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account, for the year ended 20th November 1878, of the Savings Banks Fund.

Friendly Societies Fund.

Account, for the year ended 20th November 1878, of the Friendly Societies Fund.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

East Indian Railway Bill (Report on Bill.)

Lord *George Hamilton* reported from the Select Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by adding, at the end thereof, the words, "And whereas the Company are possessed of or may be or become entitled to the property mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and such property does not form part of the undertaking or property intended to be purchased by and transferred to the Secretary of State under the provisions of this Act, and it is expedient to make provisions to enable the Company to deal therewith," and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

East Indian Railway Bill (Special Report.)

No. 226.

Lord *George Hamilton* further reported from the Select Committee on the *East Indian* Railway Bill; That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

1. That, in the case of the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

2. That, in the case of the *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that plans and sections, with a Book of Reference thereto, of the proposed alteration be forthwith deposited in the Private Bill Office and with the Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Lincoln*; that Notices of the intention to make the proposed alteration be forthwith published once in the *London Gazette* and for three successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the County of *Lincoln*; that application in writing be forthwith made to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of lands through which the alteration is proposed to be made, and their consent to such alteration proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Local Government Provisional Order (Cartworth) Bill.

Mr. *Forsyth* reported from the Select Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (*Cartworth*) Bill; That they had considered the Provisional Order for *Cartworth*, that the said Order ought not to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Statute Law Revision (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Statute Law Revision (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Merionethshire Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Merionethshire* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Habitual Drunkards Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Disqualification by Medical Relief Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Millwall Dock Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Millwall* Dock Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East Cornwall Mineral Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the granting of Building and Improvement Leases of the Estates devised by the Will of Sir *Isaac Lyon Goldsmid*, Baronet, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to charge certain Moneys on the interests of *Jessie Edwards*, *Anne Dorothea Edwards*, *Eyre Evans Edwards*, and *Mary Eliza Edwards*, Infants, in a Moiety of certain Estates in the Counties of *Limerick*, *Dublin*, and *Queen*, and the City of *Dublin*, in *Ireland*, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Habitual Drunkards Bill. Bill 206.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Habitual Drunkards Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Goldsmid Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Edwards' Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire "into the powers of the Vestries of the Metropolis, "and their administration of the funds at their dis-"posal," instead thereof.

Vestries (Metropolis.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 14*th June*, 1879:

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 15 (Grant of duties of income tax).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Connor Power:*	5.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	94.

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Question put, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 16 to N° 22, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 23 (Provisions for the collection of income tax for the year 1880–81).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Every house which is occupied "as a Mechanics' Institute shall be exempted from "Duties by the said Commissioners, upon proof "of the fact to their satisfaction, and this exemp-"tion shall take effect although a servant or other "person may dwell in such house for the protec-"tion thereof."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Leighton*, Mr. *Chamberlain:*	30.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	55.

Clause disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 24, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 25 (Police proceedings for penalties in relation to dogs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 19, to leave out the words, "including the Small Penalties "Act, 1865."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 26, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Acts Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Balance Sheets of the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st day of December 1878; showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining unpaid, the Value of Securities at the Cost Price, less Depreciation of those which are terminable by lapse of time, Amount of Cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the Surplus or Deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 305, of Session 1871).

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands known as *Whittington Marshes* and *Whittington Hurst*, situate in the Parish of *Whittington*, in the County of *Stafford*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common) Bill. Bill 207.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* accordingly presented a Bill to confirm the Provisional Order for the Inclosure of certain Lands known as *Whittington Marshes* and *Whittington Hurst*, situate in the Parish of *Whittington*, in the County of *Stafford*, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 16*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

THE House being informed, That the Lord Mayor of the City of *Dublin* attended at the door, he was called in; and at the Bar presented,—A Petition of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of *Dublin*:—And then he withdrew.

And the said Petition, praying that the House may be pleased to pass the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill, as it now stands, into law this Session, and thus remove a great injustice, the existence of which has been long and almost universally admitted, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [Lords.]

The *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Belfast* Central Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Medway Docks Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Medway* Docks Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Church of Scotland Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Church of *Scotland* Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Rochester Corporation Bill.

Sir *Lawrence Palk* reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the *Rochester* Corporation Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fourteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Criminal Indictments. No. 227.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Criminal Indictments, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865. No. 228.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act, 1865, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant June, be printed.

Fines, &c. (Ireland.) No. 229.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Fines, &c. (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant June, be printed.

Metropolitan Board of Works. No. 230.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Metropolitan Board of Works, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant June, be printed.

Criminal Code Bill Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission appointed to consider the Law relating to Indictable Offences, with an Appendix, containing a Draft Code embodying the Suggestions of the Commissioners.

Population and Revenue.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of May last, for Returns relative to Population and Revenue.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Board of Works.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns from the Metropolitan Board of Works, showing,—

I. Up to 31st December 1878:
1. The Amount of Consolidated Stock;
2. The Application of the Money raised by such Stock;
3. The Sums carried to the Consolidated Loans Fund;
4. The Application of the Consolidated Loans Fund; and
5. An Estimate of the Expenditure of the Board, for all purposes, for the year ending the 31st December 1879:

And, II. Showing up to 31st December 1878:
1. All Moneys raised by the Board, under this or any further Act, for purposes mentioned in this Act;
2. In relation to every Parish, District, Union, or Place in respect whereof a Loan is obtained from the Board under this or any further Act,—
   (1.) The Annual Rateable Value of the Property therein;
   (2.) As nearly as can be, the actual Indebtedness of each Parish, District, Union, or Place, in respect of Loans previously contracted.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mercantile Marine Fund.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Approximate Estimate of the Receipts and Payments of the Mercantile Marine Fund for the year ending 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Exchequer Bonds. No. 231.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of Exchequer Bonds payable on the 29th day of June 1879, unprovided for.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Board of Trade Inquiries.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns from the Board of Trade of the Number of Inquiries conducted by the Wreck Commissioner in the United Kingdom from the time of his Appointment to the 31st day of December 1878, showing the Places where the said Inquiries were held, the Names of the Vessels, and how the Certificates of the Officers of the said Vessels were dealt with:——Showing the Amount of the Total Expenses and Time occupied on each of the said Inquiries:——Showing the Number of similar Inquiries held before Stipendiary Magistrates or Justices of the Peace in the United Kingdom during the same Period:——And, of the Total Amount of the Expenses and Time occupied on each of the said last-named Inquiries.

Contagious Diseases Acts.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Annual Report of the Assistant Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis for the year 1878 relating to the Contagious Diseases Acts.

Prison Chaplains (1878.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Salaries paid and Allowances of every kind made to Chaplains in Gaols in *Ireland*, Catholic, Protestant, and Presbyterian respectively, in the year 1878:——Of the Average Number of Prisoners of each Religion respectively in each Prison in *Ireland* in the year 1878:——Of the Number of Visits paid by, and the Average Time each Chaplain, or his Deputy, was engaged in Prison each Month in the discharge of his Duties in the year 1878:——Of the Amount expended on Religious Instruction and Ministrations other

other than the Salaries of the Chaplains, in the year 1878, specifying the Religion:——Similar Return for *England* and *Wales* for the year 1878:——And, similar Return for *Scotland* for the year 1878.

Workhouse Chaplains.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Salaries paid and Allowances of every kind made to Chaplains in Workhouses in *Ireland*, Catholic, Protestant, and Presbyterian, in the year 1878:——Of the Average Number of Paupers of each Religion respectively in each Workhouse in *Ireland* in the year 1878:——Of the Number of Visits paid, and Average Time each Chaplain, or his Deputy, was engaged in each Workhouse each Month in the discharge of his Duties in the year 1878:——Of the Amount expended on Religious Instruction and Ministrations other than the Salaries of the Chaplains, in the year 1878, specifying the Religion:——Similar Return for *England* for the year 1878:——And, similar Return for *Scotland* for the year 1878.

Episcopal and Capitular Estates.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the approximate estimated Value in Fee Simple of all Estates belonging to Bishops which have passed into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and of the several Amounts of any Sums of Money which were therewith transferred to them; the Value of the Estates and the Amount of the Moneys belonging to each See to be given separately:——And, of the approximate estimated Value in Fee Simple of the Estates belonging to Deans and Chapters which have passed into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and of the Amounts of any Sums of Money which were therewith transferred to them; the Value of the Estates and the Amounts of the Moneys belonging to each Capitular Corporation to be given separately (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 442, of Session 1871).

Canonries.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* of the Grants or Reductions allowed by them, since the 16th day of April 1863, to the several Chapters of *England* and *Wales* to pay Substitutes for performing additional Duties cast upon them by the Suspension of Canonries, with the Names of the Substitutes who have received the Grants (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 170, of Session 1863).

Mortality (General, and Infant.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of General Annual Average Death Rate, all Ages and Causes, in *England* and *Wales*, *per* Million of Population during the Periods undermentioned, in the following Form:—

Periods.	Annual Average Death Rate (all Ages and Causes) per Million of Population.
16 Years, 1838 to 1853 - - -	
12 Years, ditto, excluding 1846 to 1849 (Cholera Period) - - - -	
23 Years, 1854 to 1877 - - -	
9 Years, 1868 to 1877 - - - -	

——Of Proportion of Deaths among Infants under One Year *per* Million of Births, and among Children between One and Five Years *per* Million of Deaths (all Ages and Causes), in *England* and *Wales*, during the Years 1847 and 1877 respectively, from each of the Eight Causes specified, in the following Form:—

Causes.	Deaths under One Year per Million of Births and between One and Five Years per Million of Deaths (all Ages and Causes).			
	1847.		1877.	
	Under One to Births.	One to Five to Total Deaths (all Ages and Causes).	Under One to Births.	One to Five to Total Deaths (all Ages and Causes).
Syphilis - - - -				
Scrofula - - -				
Tabes Mesenterica - -				
Skin Disease - - -				
Erysipelas - - -				
Bronchitis - - -				
Diarrhœa - - -				
Atrophy and Debility -				
Total Eight Causes - -				

——And, of Annual Average Proportion of Deaths from Small-pox at all Ages *per* Million of Population, and of Children under Five Years to Total, during the Periods 1847 to 1853, and 1868 to 1877 inclusive, respectively:—

Periods prior and subsequently to enforced Vaccination.	Annual Average.	
	Proportion of Deaths from Small-pox (all Ages) per Million of Population.	Proportion of Deaths from Small-pox under Five Years to Deaths (all Ages) from that Disease.
1847 to 1853, inclusive -		
1868 to 1877, inclusive -		

East India (Khost Valley.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Papers relating to the Proceedings of Major General *Roberts* in the *Khost Valley* on the 7th and 8th days of January 1879.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philips* have leave of absence for one week, on account of domestic affliction.

Chicago Tinned Beef, &c. (South African Troops.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns, according to the following Form, of the Quantity of *Chicago* Tinned Beef sent to *South Africa* for the use of the Troops since the 1st day of January 1879, stating the Names of the Ships in which it was sent and Days of sailing:——Of the same with regard to any other Brand of Tinned Beef sent out during the same period:——Of the same with regard to the *Kopf Erbwurst* Food ordered by the Secretary of State for War in February 1879:——And, of the same with regard to the *Kopf Erbwurst* Food ordered by Lieutenant General Lord *Chelmsford*, through Commissary General *Strickland*, and delivered at *Woolwich* on the 7th day of May 1879:—

Names of Ships.	Dates of Sailing.	Number of Cases of Chicago Tinned Beef or Boxes of Kopf Erbwurst Food sent out.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the East *Norfolk* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dun Drainage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the *Dun* Drainage Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

West Kent Main Sewerage Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West *Kent* Main Sewerage Bill, without any Amendment.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from the *Finn Valley* Railway, near the Town of *Stranorlar*, in the County of *Donegal*, to the Town of *Donegal*, in the same County, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The West *Donegal* Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 50,600, for Divine Service.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 29,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of Military Law, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £. 2,000, for the Salary of the Judge Advocate General, be omitted from the proposed Vote:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 266,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Medical Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 261,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Medical Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 262,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Medical Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 495,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowances of a Force of Militia, not exceeding 132,526, including 30,000 Militia Reserve, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Amendment proposed, That Subhead A. of £. 275,000, in respect of Regimental Pay of Militia, be reduced by £. 25,000.

Question put, That the said Item be so reduced;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar*:	8.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	190.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 47,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Yeomanry Cavalry Pay and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 42,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Yeomanry Cavalry Pay and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880——put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 512,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Volunteer Corps Pay and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880;

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Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Revenue Accounts.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on *East India* Revenue Accounts, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it appears by the Accounts laid before this House that the Ordinary Revenue of *India* for the year ending the 31st day of March 1878 was £. 51,795,866; the Revenue from Productive Public Works, including the Net Traffic Receipts from Guaranteed Companies, was £. 7,173,435, making the total Revenue of *India* for that year £. 58,969,301; that the Ordinary Expenditure in *India* and in *England*, including Charges for the Collection of the Revenue, for Ordinary Public Works, and for Interest on Debt exclusive of that for Productive Public Works, was £. 55,147,832; the Expenditure on Productive Public Works (Working Expenses and Interest), including the payments to Guaranteed Companies for Interest and Surplus Profits, was £. 7,364,556, making a Total Charge for that year of £. 62,512,388; that there was an Excess of Expenditure over Income in that year amounting to £. 3,543,087; and that the Capital Expenditure on Productive Public Works in the same year was £. 4,791,052.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

The

Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rivers Conservancy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant June.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Spirits Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of May last, That the *Indian* Marine Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Terms of Removal (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Terms of Removal (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Voters Registration (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Voters Registration (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Infirmaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Infirmaries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Habitual Drunkards Bill; and the same, as far as the Amendment, Clause A., inclusive, were twice read, and agreed to.

P. 3, l. 28, leave out from "retreat" to the end of the Clause, and insert "dies, or becomes bankrupt, or has his affairs liquidated by arrangement, or becomes mentally incapable or otherwise disabled, the person carrying on the retreat shall not be liable to any penalty under this Act for carrying on the retreat and acting under the license during such reasonable time, not exceeding three months, as may be necessary to allow him to obtain a transfer of the license from the local authority, so that he otherwise conform with the provisions of this Act. The transfer shall be in the discretion of the local authority, and if made shall be endorsed on the license, and such endorsement shall be signed by the clerk of the local authority. The rules which, in the Second Schedule hereto, are attached to the form of application for a license shall, so far as the same require such application to be made ten days before the meeting of the local authority, and to the publication of a notice of the application having been made, extend to an application for the transfer of a license," the next Amendment, was read the first time:—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Convict "Theodoridi."

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Memorial presented by or on behalf of the Convict *Theodoridi*:——Of any Correspondence with respect to *Theodoridi*, or Memorandum of any representations made on behalf of the Convict:——And, of usual Form, Printed or Lithographed, sent to the Judge who tried any Convict on whose behalf any Memorial may have been presented or Representation made for his Opinion:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill. No. 232.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Letter from the Lord Chief Justice of *England*, dated the 12th day of June 1879, containing Comments and Suggestions in relation to the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

Mr. Attorney General accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Khost Valley.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to *East India* (*Khost Valley*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Millwall Dock Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Millwall* Dock Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Stuckgown Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Stuckgown* Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Liverpool Tramways Bill (1868), &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the *Liverpool* Tramways Bill, in Session 1868, and on the *Liverpool* Tramways Bill, in Session 1872, be referred to the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords*], and Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Edwards' Estate Bill.

Goldsmid Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Fourteenth Report.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered,

Population and Revenue. No. 223.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Population and Revenue, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Metropolitan Board of Works. No. 233.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to the Metropolitan Board of Works which were presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

East India (Khost Valley.) No. 234.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (*Khost Valley*), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Contagious Diseases Acts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Contagious Diseases Acts.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Rules made by the Secretary of State under the Prison Act, 1877:—

1. Rule appointing Alternative Prisons in adjoining County;
2. Rule appointing the Prison of *Holloway* as a Prison to which Male convicted Criminal Prisoners may be committed from any Court within the County of *Middlesex*;
3. Rules as to the Appointment and Powers of Visiting Committees.

Polling Districts (Tynemouth.)

Copy of an Order of the Council of the Borough of *Tynemouth* for altering the Polling Districts of the Borough.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Thames Traffic Committee.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to consider the Rules for regulating Traffic on the River *Thames*; with the whole of the Evidence, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 44 (Scale of punishments by courts martial).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 19, l. 27, to leave out the word "fifty," in order to insert the word "six."

Question again proposed, That the word "fifty" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 28, to leave out the word "lashes," in order to insert the word "stripes."

Question put, That the word "lashes" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 219.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *Sullivan*: } 102.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 28, after the word "lashes," to insert the words "with "instrument or whip of not more than one thong "or tail, of a pattern to be submitted to Parlia-"ment."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *Pennington*: } 54.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 164.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Supply [16th June] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army (Divine Service.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 50,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Divine Service, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Administration of Military Law.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 29,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of Military Law, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Medical Establishments and Services.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 266,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Medical Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Militia and Militia Reserve.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 495,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowance of a Force of Militia, not exceeding 132,526, including 30,000 Militia Reserve, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Yeomanry Cavalry.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 47,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Yeomanry Cavalry Pay and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Volunteer Corps.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 512,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Volunteer Corps Pay and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Indian* Marine Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill.

The Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant June, That the Amendment (made by the Lords to the Habitual Drunkards Bill, in p. 3, l. 28) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of July next.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Council of India.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Minute by Members of the Council of the Governor General of *India* on the Despatch of the Secretary of State, dated the 11th day of November 1875, and referred to in the Despatch of the Government of *India*, dated the 17th day of March 1876:——And, of all Communications which have passed between the Secretary of State for *India* and the Government of *India*, or the Governor General, relating to the repeal of the Cotton Duties (in continuation of the Papers presented to Parliament in 1876);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "And of," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the Memorandum of Sir *Henry Sumner Maine*, dated the 25th day of April 1876," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the Memorandum of Sir *Henry Sumner Maine*, "dated the 25th day of April 1876," be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Minute by Members of the Council of the Governor General of *India* on the Despatch of the Secretary of State, dated the 11th day of November 1875, and referred to in the Despatch of the Government of *India*, dated the 17th day of March 1876:——And, of the Memorandum of Sir *Henry Sumner Maine*, dated the 25th day of April 1876.

Army (Regimental Parade States.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Regimental Parade States of the Regular Forces in the United Kingdom, with the exception of the Household Troops, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday, May 24th, 1879, showing Ages and Length of Service of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, and Number of those who have not completed their Drill and Musketry Instruction:——And, of the Number of Horses in the Royal Artillery and Cavalry of Four Years of Age and under.

Prerogative of the Crown.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 13th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That, to prevent the growing abuse by Her Majesty's Ministers of the prerogative and influence of the Crown, and consequent augmentation of the power of the Government in enabling them, under cover of the supposed personal interposition of the Sovereign, to withdraw from the cognizance and control of this House matters relating to policy and expenditure properly within the scope of its powers and privileges, it is necessary that the mode and limits of the action of the Prerogative should be more strictly observed;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 18*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Aberdeen* Harbour Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Christ Church, Newgate Street* (*London*) Tithes Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Sharpness* New Docks and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Vide Fifteenth Report.

Contagious Diseases Acts.

No. 235.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Contagious Diseases Acts, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Money Laws (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money Laws (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Delahunty*, Mr. *O'Clery*: } 30.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, Mr. *Daniel Taylor*: } 146.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day three months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

Gun Licence Act (1870) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gun Licence Act (1870) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being a quarter of an hour before six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon

upon the 16th day of this instant June, That the said Amendment [made by the Lords to the Habitual Drunkards Bill] be read a second time; and which Amendment was, in p. 3, l. 28, leave out from "retreat" to the end of the Clause, and insert "dies, or becomes bankrupt, or has his affairs "liquidated by arrangement, or becomes mentally "incapable or otherwise disabled, the person "carrying on the retreat shall not be liable to any "penalty under this Act for carrying on the re-"treat and acting under the licence during such "reasonable time, not exceeding three months, as "may be necessary to allow him to obtain a transfer "of the licence from the local authority, so that "he otherwise conform with the provisions of this "Act. The transfer shall be in the discretion of "the local authority, and if made shall be endorsed "on the licence, and such endorsement shall be "signed by the clerk of the local authority. The "rules which, in the Second Schedule hereto, are "attached to the form of application for a licence "shall, so far as the same require such application "to be made ten days before the meeting of the "local authority, and to the publication of a notice "of the application having been made, extend to "an application for the transfer of a licence";

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Amendment be now read a second time:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative; and the said Amendment was accordingly read a second time, and with an Amendment thereunto, agreed to.

Then the subsequent Amendments were twice read; and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Warranty of Animals.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make written Documents necessary to support Actions for Warranty of Horses and other Animals: And that Sir *Eardley Wilmot*, Mr. *Forsyth*, and Mr. Serjeant *Simon* do prepare, and bring it in.

Ulster Tenant Right (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in respect of Tenant Right in *Ulster* at the expiration of Leases: And that Lord *Arthur Hill-Trevor*, Marquis of *Hamilton*, Viscount *Castlereagh*, Colonel *Lowry Corry*, and Mr. *Mulholland* do prepare, and bring it in.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The *New Forest* Act, 1877": And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth* and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill do consist of Seventeen Members.

Ordered. That Mr. *O'Leary* and Mr. *John Maitland* be added to the Committee.

Warranty of Animals Bill. Bill 208.

Sir *Eardley Wilmot* presented a Bill to make written Documents necessary to support Actions for Warranty of Horses and other Animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ulster Tenant Right (No. 2) Bill. Bill 209.

Lord *Arthur Hill-Trevor* presented a Bill to make further provision in respect of Tenant Right in *Ulster* at the expiration of Leases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill. Bill 210.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented a Bill to amend "The *New Forest* Act, 1877": And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Elective County Boards (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Elective County Boards (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 19*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

East Norfolk Railway Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the East *Norfolk* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fifteenth Report.

Explosions (Redding, West Quarter, near Falkirk.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the circumstances attending an Accident which occurred in the Detonator Factory of *Nobel's* Explosives Company (Limited), at *Redding*, West Quarter, near *Falkirk*, on the 12th of May 1879, by Major *V. D. Majendie*, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir

Post Office Savings Banks Fund.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account for the year ended 31st December 1878, of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund.

Suez Canal (Purchase of Shares.)

Accounts showing the Sums received from the Khedive of *Egypt*; the Charge for Principal and Interest on the Money raised in respect of the Purchase of the Shares purchased in the *Suez* Canal; and the Amount of Principal still outstanding.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

East India (Council of India.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of this instant June, for Returns relative to *East India* (Council of *India*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 6, 1879) (Eastern Roumelia.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the Organic Statute for *Eastern Roumelia*.

Commercial (No. 18, 1879) (France.)

Copy of Declaration between the *British* and *French* Governments for regulating the mode of dealing with the proceeds of Vessels wrecked upon the Coasts of the Two States. Signed at *London*, 16th June 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Board of Trade.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the existing Members of the Board of Trade:——And, Copy of Memorandum setting forth the Order or Charter under which Members of the Board were originally appointed, and for what Duties.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Population, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Population in 1871; the Number of Electors in 1868 and 1879; the Area in Square Miles; the Number of Members; the Amount of Property and Income Tax charged for the last Year for which the Returns are made up in each County and Parliamentary Division of a County in the United Kingdom (exclusive of Cities and Boroughs), in the following Form:—

Counties and Divisions of Counties, exclusive of Cities and Boroughs.	Population in 1871.	Number of Electors.		Number of Members.	Area in Square Miles.	Amount of Property and Profits charged to Income Tax for the Year ended 31st March 187 , under Schedules				Total.
		1868.	1879.			A.	B.	D.	E.	
						£.	£.	£.	£.	£.

——And, similar Return for the Cities and Boroughs of the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 432, of Session 1877).

Public Petitions (Fourteenth Report.)

Lord *Arthur Russell* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, and 27th days of May last, and the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, and 17th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Mr. W. Tayler's Petition.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Memorandum drawn up by Sir *Frederick J. Halliday*, K.C.B., a Member of the Council of the Secretary of State for *India*, upon the Petition presented to this House by Mr. *W. Tayler*.

East India (Salaries, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons receiving Salaries, Pay, Fees, Emoluments, Allowances, Pensions, or Grants of Public Money, in the year 1878–9, from the Revenues of Her Majesty's Possessions in *India*, the Amount of which is not less than £. 100 or 1,000 rupees for each Person; stating the Number of Persons in Grades or Classes, the Rate of Salary or Payment in each Class, and the Total Amount in each Class, showing those which belong to the Covenanted Civil Service, the Uncovenanted Service, and the Army, and distinguishing *Europeans*, *Eurasians*, and Natives of *India*. The Return to give also the Number of those not resident in *India*; those of any Military Rank who were employed in any Civil Capacity or Service, and the Names, alphabetically arranged, of all Persons receiving Pensions, *Europeans*, *Eurasians*, and Natives of *India* separately, and stating the Length of Service, and the Time since when each Pension has been paid; and of any Persons who were receiving at the same time any Pension for past and Salary for present Service.

Admiralty Courts (Belfast, &c.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Cases in which the Local Admiralty Courts of *Cork* and *Belfast* respectively have, during the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, been applied to to exercise the powers of arresting and holding to bail created by s. 4 of the Act 39 & 40 *Vic.* 28:——Of the Number of Cases in which such power has been exercised:——And, of the Number of Admiralty Cases instituted in the said Courts respectively during each of the said years, and carried beyond the stage of Arrest and holding to Bail, in the following Form:—

	Number of Suits Instituted.			Number of Applications to Arrest and hold to Bail.			Number of Applications to Arrest, &c. granted.		
	1877.	1878.	1879.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Belfast - -									
Cork - -									

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

West India Loans Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *West India* Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

Costs (Taxation (House of Commons) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Costs Taxation (House of Commons) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Waterford, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Waterford*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Health (Scotland) Provisional Order (Bothwell) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (*Scotland*) Provisional Order (*Bothwell*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Bath Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Bath* Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Grantham Borough Bill.

The Lords have agreed the *Grantham* Borough Bill, without any Amendment.

Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Imperial Continental Gas Association Bill, without any Amendment.

Southwark and Deptford Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

Ilkley Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Ilkley* Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Thames and Severn Canal Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Bill, without any Amendment.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Nelson* Local Board Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolis (Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar, and Great Peter Street, Westminster) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar,* and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 44 (Scale of Punishments by courts-martial).

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the word "officer," at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "but corporal punishment shall "not be inflicted on any soldier by an instrument "known as the cat-of-nine-tails, of which a sealed "pattern is deposited at the Admiralty."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "of which a sealed "pattern is deposited at the Admiralty."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question put, That the words "but corporal "punishment shall not be inflicted on any soldier "by an instrument known as the cat-of-nine-tails," be inserted after the word "officer" at the end of the last Amendment;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Otway*, Mr. *Henry Samuelson:* } 49.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 72.

Another Amendment proposed, after the word "officer," at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "and in every case when more "than twelve lashes are inflicted the soldier so "punished shall be discharged with ignominy from "Her Majesty's Service."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Chamberlain:* } 48.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 157.

Another Amendment proposed, after the word "officer," at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "and in every case where a "soldier has been so punished, he shall not be "allowed to serve with men who have not under-"gone this punishment."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 32, after the words "active service," to insert the words "except in the Island of *Cyprus* in time of "peace."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 31, after the word "on," to insert the words "officers "or."

Question put, That the words "officers or" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Rylands:* } 22.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 21.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 32, to leave out the words "or on board any ship not "commissioned by Her Majesty."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 164.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Major *O'Beirne:* } 68.

Another Amendment made.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 137.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Otway*, Mr. *Sullivan:* } 45.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

£. 500,000, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds that will become due and payable on the 29th day of June 1879.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted

granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £.6,567,023 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken in consideration upon Thursday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

Bill 211.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Indian* Marine Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Billl.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*: } 15.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Alfred Marten*, Colonel *Makins*: } 43.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Callan*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 10.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Alfred Marten*, Colonel *Makins*: } 45.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the adjustment of Parish Boundaries, and to make further Amendments in the Acts relating to the Relief of the Poor in *England*: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, with the assent of Her Majesty's Treasury, to vary the Trusts of the *Mungret* Agricultural School and Model Farm, in the County of *Limerick*: And that Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*, Mr. *Synan*, and Mr. *Gabbett* do prepare, and bring it in.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue and amend "The Petroleum Act, 1871": And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Bill 212.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to make better Provision for the adjustment of Parish Boundaries, and to make further Amendments in the Acts relating to the Relief of the Poor in *England*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

Bill 213.

Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* presented a Bill to enable the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, with the assent of Her Majesty's Treasury, to vary the Trusts of the *Mungret* Agricultural School and Model Farm, in the County of *Limerick*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to continue and amend "The Petroleum Act, 1871": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Bill 214.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Burial Grounds Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Rating of Towns (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Rating of Towns (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Tenants' Improvements in Towns (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Tenants' Improvements in Towns (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of July next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 20*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

East Indian Railway Bill.

THE Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Vide Fifteenth Report.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (*England* and *Wales*) which was presented upon the 7th day of April last, be printed.

No. 236.

Prisons (Scotland.)

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 27th day of May last, be printed.

No. 237.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Prisons (*England* and *Wales*), which were presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

No. 236.

Suez Canal (Purchase of Shares.)

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the *Suez* Canal (Purchase of Shares), which were presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

No. 239.

East India (Council of India.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Council of *India*), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

No. 240.

Public Expenditure.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to Public Expenditure.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Education (England and Wales.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education (*England* and *Wales*), 1878-9.

Education (Scotland.)

Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education in *Scotland*, 1878-9.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

East India (Mr. W. Tayler's Petition.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of

of this instant June, for a Return relative to *East India* (Mr. *W. Tayler*'s Petition).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Victoria.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Constitutional Question in *Victoria* (in continuation of [c. 2217] of December 1878).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Margate Pier and Harbour.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Report and Statement of Accounts of the *Margate* Pier and Harbour Company, for the year ending 5th April 1879.

Murder (Capital Sentences.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Persons sentenced to Death for the Crime of Murder from the 31st day of December 1876 to the 31st day of December 1878, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 134, of Session 1877):—

	Name of Convict.	Date of Conviction.	When Executed.	When Pardoned.	Commutation of Sentence.	Still undergoing Sentence.	Date of Release.	Whether Infanticide.
Totals - -								

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

Sir *Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth* reported from the Select Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill; That they had considered the several Provisional Orders therein contained; that the said Provisional Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Bill 215.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Provisional Order Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Inclosure Provisional Order (*Whittington* Common) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

West *Donegal* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 45 (Custody of persons charged with offences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 24, after the word "custody," to insert the words "Provided, "That in every case where in time of peace any "officer remains in such military custody for a "longer period than eight days without a court "martial for his trial being ordered to assemble, a "special report of the necessity for further delay "shall be made by his commanding officer—

"If at Home, to the Commander in Chief:

"If in *India*, to the Commander in Chief in "*India*;

"If in a Colony, to the General Officer com- "manding in such Colony;

"and a similar report shall be forwarded every "eight days until a court martial is assembled or "the officer is released from custody.

"In the case of soldiers a similar report shall be "forwarded every eight days to the General Offi- "cer commanding the Division or Colony within "the limits of which the soldier shall be serving: "Provided also, That no officer holding a commis- "sion from the Sovereign shall, on account of "alleged misconduct, be liable to be suspended, "or arrested, from the performance of the duty "entrusted to him by virtue of such commission, "in any other manner than that which is specified "in this Act."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "in time of peace."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made to the proposed Amendment.

Question, That the words "Provided, That in "every case where any officer or soldier not on "active service remains in such military custody "for a longer period than eight days without a "court martial for his trial being ordered to as- "semble, a special report of the necessity for "further delay shall be made by his commanding "officer in manner prescribed, and a similar report "shall be forwarded every eight days until a court "martial is assembled or the officer or soldier is "released from custody; a similar report shall be "forwarded every eight days to the General Offi- "cer commanding the Division or Colony within "the limits of which the soldier shall be serving: "Provided also, That no officer holding a commis- "sion from the Sovereign shall, on account of "alleged misconduct, be liable to be suspended, "or arrested, from the performance of the duty "entrusted to him by virtue of such commission, "in any other manner than that which is specified "in this Act," be inserted after the word "custody" ——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 28, after the first word "officer," to insert the words "whether in uniform or not."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 31, after the word "officer," to insert the words "if "dressed in uniform."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 12, to leave out the words "the proper military "authority," in order to insert the words "his "commanding officer."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 9, after the word "charged," to insert the words "and a copy of such account in writing shall, at "the same time, be given to the officer, soldier, or "other

"other person, so placed in military custody, if "he desire to have it."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 46 (Power of commanding officer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 16, to leave out the word "The" in order to insert "A."

Question, That the word "The" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 24, after the word "may," to insert the words "if he "be not under the rank of field officer, or if under "that rank if he be in temporary command of a "battery of artillery, a regiment of cavalry, or a "battalion of infantry, for the offence of absence "without leave."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 24, to leave out from the word "summarily" to the word "officer," in l. 35, inclusive, in order to insert the words—

"(a.) An officer commanding a company or a "troop may exercise special judicial powers "to the extent set forth in Schedule "of this Bill;

"(b.) An officer commanding a battalion or "battery may exercise special judicial powers "to the extent set forth in Schedule "of this Bill;

"(c.) An officer commanding a regiment or a "brigade of artillery may exercise special "judicial powers to the extent set forth in "Schedule of this Bill;

"(d.) Officers of superior rank to the foregoing "may exercise judicial powers to the extent "set forth in Schedule of this Bill."

Question, That the words "he may" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 26, after the word "labour," to insert the words "in "the case of the offence of absence without "leave."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 28, after the word "drunkenness," to insert the words "absent without leave."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 29, to leave out the words "ten shillings," in order to insert the words "seven shillings and sixpence."

Question proposed, That the words "ten shil-"lings" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 35, after the word "officer" to insert the words "and "to forfeit his pay for any day or days, not ex-"ceeding five, during which he shall have been "absent without leave."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 35, after the word "officer," to insert the words "In "the case of absence without leave the command-"ing officer may, if he is not under the rank of "field officer, or, if under that rank, is in tempo-"rary command of a battery of artillery, a regi-"ment of cavalry, or a battalion of infantry, award "imprisonment with or without hard labour for "any period not exceeding twenty-one days."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "twenty-one," in order to insert the word "fourteen."

Question proposed, That the words "twenty-"one" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words "In the case of ab-"sence without leave, the commanding officer may, "if he is not under the rank of field officer, or if "under that rank is in temporary command of a "battery of artillery, a regiment of cavalry, or a "battalion of infantry, award imprisonment with "or without hard labour for any period not exceed-"ing twenty-one days," be inserted after the word "officer"——put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 7, after "a," to insert the word "district."

Question proposed, That the word "district" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 47 (Regimental courts martial).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [19th June] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Exchequer Bonds.

That a Sum, not exceeding £.500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds that will become due and payable on the 29th day of June 1879.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £.6,567,023 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 4.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of May last, That the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Isaac* have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of domestic affliction.

Revenue (1878-9.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of all Taxes and Imposts from which the Imperial Revenue of the United Kingdom was raised, together with the Gross Revenue, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1879, with Cost and Charges for collecting the same under each Head, these Charges being deducted, and leaving the Net Amount of Revenue:—And, of the Aggregate Revenue collected in each of the previous Ten years.

Railway, &c. Bills (Capital.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Capital, in Shares and by Loans respectively, proposed to be raised by Railway and other Bills brought before Parliament in the present Session; and the Aggregate Return for the previous Ten years.

Public Loans [Remission.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the remission of certain Loans formerly made out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of Moneys formerly raised by the authority of Parliament for the purpose of such Loans;

Mr. *William Henry Smith*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to apply a Sum, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the Year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway

That, in the case of the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway, Petition for leave to deposit Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill accordingly.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 4th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Cyprus (Ordinances.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased "to give directions, that there be laid before this "House, Copies of the Ordinance No. VIII. of "1879, giving power to the Government of *Cyprus* "to exile persons without trial:——Of the Ordi-"nance No. VI. of 1878, prohibiting the sale of "Land to any but *British* or *Turkish* Subjects:—— "And, of the Ordinance No. XVI. of 1879, con-"fiscating uncultivated Lands," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 21*st June*, 1879:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Copies of the Ordinance No. VIII. of 1879, "giving power to the Government of *Cyprus* to "exile persons without trial:——Of the Ordi-"nance No. VI. of 1878, prohibiting the sale of "Land to any but *British* or *Turkish* Subjects: "——And of the Ordinance No. XVI. of 1879, "confiscating uncultivated Lands," be added, instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Ordinance No. VIII. of 1879, giving power to the Government of *Cyprus* to exile persons without trial:——Of the Ordinance No. VI. of 1878, prohibiting the sale of Land to any but *British* or *Turkish* Subjects:——And, of the Ordinance No. XVI. of 1879, confiscating uncultivated Lands.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant June.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant June, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 23*rd June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Nelson Local Board Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Nelson* Local Board Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Christ Church, Newgate Street* (*London*) Tithes Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Edwards' Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Goldsmid* Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Petition for Bill, Standing Order, No. 70, be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit and proceed on Tuesday next.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Enniskillen and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, originating

originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.:*

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions. Vide Fifteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Expenditure. No. 242.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Expenditure, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant June, be printed.

Workhouses.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of February last, for Returns relative to Workhouses.

London School Board.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of May last, for Returns relative to the *London* School Board.

Jurors (Ireland.)

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of March last, for Returns relative to Jurors (*Ireland*).

Polling Districts (South Shields.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Town Council of the Borough of *South Shields,* dividing the Borough into Polling Districts.

Polling Districts (Kendal.)

Copy of an Order of the Town Council of the Borough of *Kendal* for the division of the Borough into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 17th June 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their retirement, under the Act 41 & 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army (Length of Service.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Number of Non-commissioned Officers and Men in the Infantry of the Line who have commenced a Second term of Six Years' Service with the Colours in each year since the passing of "The Army Enlistment Act, 1870:"——And, similar Return of those who have re-engaged after Twelve Years' Service, and a Statement of the Total Number of Non-commissioned Officers and Men who have joined the Reserve in each year since the same date, specifying the Number of Years' Service which such Non-commissioned Officers and Men have had with the Colours.

East India (Tariff.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, further Papers relating to the Import Duties upon Cotton Goods and to other Articles in the Tariff of *India* (in continuation of the Parliamentary Papers of Session 1876).

Building Societies.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Building Societies incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 and 1875, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1878, including *Great Britain* and *Ireland,* showing:—

A. The Date of Incorporation;

B. The Name of the Society;

C. The Chief Office or Place of Meeting of the Society;

D. Abstract of Accounts furnished (in pursuance of the Act 37 & 38 *Vic.* c. 42, s. 40) relating to the last Financial Year of the Society;

The Return to be in the annexed Form:—

Date of Incorporation.	Name of Society, and Chief Office or Place of Meeting.	Year of the Society's Existence.	The Number of Members (where stated).	Total Receipts during the last Financial Year.	Liability to the Holders of the various Classes of Shares respectively.			Liability to Depositors and other Creditors.	Balance of Unappropriated Profit.	Balance Deficit.	Assets.		Remarks.
					Ordinary.		Preferential (if any).				Balance due on Mortgage Securities (not including prospective Interest).	Amount Invested in other Securities, and Cash.	
					Subscriptions, or Uncompleted.	Completed or Realized.							
				£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	

(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 384, of Session 1878).

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill had stated that the Evidence of Captain *Thomas Withers* was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That the said Captain *Thomas Withers* do attend the said Committee on Tuesday, 24th June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Captain *Thomas Withers* do attend the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Racecourses (Metropolis) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Buckingham, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Buckingham,* &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aysgarth Union, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aysgarth* Union, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Yarmouth and North Norfolk (Light) Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hares (Ireland) Bill

The Lords have agreed to the Hares (*Ireland*) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Colwyn Bay Water Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Colwyn Bay* Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Regulation of Omnibuses; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Irish Land Act, 1870.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the last Session of Parliament on the *Irish* Land Act, 1870, together with the Minutes of Evidence, &c.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 47 (Regimental courts-martial).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 15, to leave out from the word "any" to the word "also," in l. 16, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 22, to leave out from the word "consist" to the word "three" in l. 23, inclusive, in order to insert the words "of five ranks of members, *viz.*:

"One captain;
"Two first lieutenants;
"Two second lieutenants;
"Two non-commissioned officers;
"Two privates;
"The captain to be president."

Question proposed, That the words "of the prescribed number of officers" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 23, to leave out the words "but such number shall in no case be less than three," in order to insert the words "such number to be in the United Kingdom not less than five, and elsewhere not less than three."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 35, after the word "days," to insert the words "or flogging."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Hopwood*: 16.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: 97.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 35, to leave out from the word "ignominy," to the end of the Clause.

Question put, That the words "but subject as aforesaid" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: 57.
Tellers for the Noes, Colonel *Moray*, Colonel *Alexander*: 31.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 48 (General and district courts-martial).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 17, to leave out from the word "officers," to the word "three" in l. 18, inclusive, in order to insert the words "Provided, That if in the opinion of the officer who convenes the court-martial, such opinion to be expressed in the order convening the court, and to be conclusive, seven officers are not (and having due regard to the public service) available, such court-martial shall consist of not less than three officers."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 17, after the words "to be" to insert the words "not less than five."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 19, after the word "officer" to insert the words "or person holding the relative rank or position of an officer"

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 21, to leave out from the word "person" to the word "court-martial," in l. 22, in order to insert the word "soldier."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 25, to leave out the word "captain," in order to insert the words "field officer, unless it be impossible to obtain the requisite number of field officers, in which case not more than one captain shall be a member of the court; and in no case shall a junior officer of the regiment to which the field officer under trial belongs be a member of the court."

Question, That the word "captain" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 49 (Field general courts-martial).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 5, to leave out the words "beyond the seas," in order to insert the words "outside the seas."

Question proposed, That the words "beyond the seas" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 50, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 51 (Challenges by prisoner).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 40, after the word "object" to insert the words "in a general court-martial to any three officers, including the president, without reason given; in the case of a district court-martial to any two officers, including the president, without reason given; and in the case of a regimental court-martial to one officer, who may be the president; and afterwards."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 40, after the word "object," to insert the words "in a general court-martial to any two officers, including the president, without reason given; in the case of a district court-martial to any one officer, including the president, without reason given."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. *O'Connor Power*, Mr. *Biggar*: 15.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: 170.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 52 (Administration of oaths).

An Amendment made.

Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "and the custom of war in the like cases."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 14, to leave out the words "prescribed form," in order to insert the words "form prescribed in the First Schedule of this Act."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 53 (Procedure).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words—

"9. Trials by court-martial shall be held between the hours of eight in the morning and four in the afternoon, except in *India*, where trials may be held between the

" the hours of six in the morning and four " in the afternoon.

" Provided, That if the court considers it necessary they may continue any trial beyond the " hour of four in the afternoon, recording in the " proceedings their reasons for so doing.

" Provided also, That in cases requiring an immediate example, or when the general or other " officer commanding any body of troops shall " certify under his hand that the same is expedient " for the public service, trials may be held at any " hour; but in no case shall any court-martial " sit for a longer period than eight hours in any " one day.

" 10. When a court-martial shall recommend " a prisoner to mercy, such recommendation shall be attached to and form part of " the proceedings of the court, and shall " be promulgated and communicated to the " prisoner, together with the finding and " sentence."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out from the word " trials" to the word " day," in l. 12.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question, That the words " 10. When a court-martial shall recommend a prisoner to mercy, " such recommendation shall be attached to and " form part of the proceedings of the court, and " shall be promulgated and communicated to the " prisoner, together with the finding and sentence," be added at the end of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 54 (Confirmation, revision, and approval of sentences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 6, to leave out the words " have power to."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 29, to leave out the words " have power."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 30, after the word " also " to insert the words " In no " case shall the authority recommend the increase " of a sentence, nor shall the court-martial on " revisal of the sentence, either in obedience to the " recommendation of an authority or for any other " reason, have the power to increase the sentence " awarded."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, to leave out the words " either in " obedience to the recommendation of an authority " or for any other reason."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words " In no case shall the " authority recommend the increase of a sentence, " nor shall the court-martial on revisal of the " sentence, either in obedience to the recommendation of an authority or for any other reason, have " the power to increase the sentence awarded," be inserted after the word " also "—— put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words " nor shall it be " lawful for the convening authority to order the " president or members of same court-martial to " sit again for the trial of other prisoners, unless " the exigencies of the service, or the duty roster " should make such order necessary."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 19, to leave out from the word " or " to the word " presidency " in l. 21, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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CLAUSE, N° 55 (Amendment of charge).

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 41, after the word " charge," to insert the words " (1.) The " court shall not make any amendment under " which the accused, if found guilty of the amended " charge, would be subject to a higher penalty than " he would be if found guilty of the original " charge."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill —— put, and negatived.

CLAUSE, N° 56 (Conviction of less offence permissible on charge of greater).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 16, to leave out the words " attempting to desert, or of."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again ——put, and negatived.

CLAUSES, N° 57 and N° 58, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 59 (Execution of sentences of penal servitude passed in the United Kingdom).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—— put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 60 to N° 68, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 69 (Power of Her Majesty to make rules of procedure).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Loans [Remission.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Loans [Remission].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Remission of certain Loans formerly made by the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, and the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and by the *Irish* Exchequer Loan Commissioners, and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of moneys formerly raised by the authority of Parliament for the purpose of such Loans.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Juries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code Indictable Offences (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits Bill.

The Spirits Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Whittington* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 1st day of July next, at Two of the clock.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Bill 216.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant June, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 217.

The Omnibus Regulation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of July next.

East India (Tariff.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant June, for further Papers relative to *East India* (Tariff).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

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PRAYERS.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

MR. *Raikes* reported the *Ayr* Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Dudley Sewage Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Dudley* Sewage Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, and that the Bill, as submitted to them, did not appear to require further Amendment in relation thereto.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway.

A Petition of the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Company to raise further money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, *viz.*:

Banbury and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Fifteenth Report.

East India (Mr. W. Tayler's Petition.) No. 238.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Mr. *W. Tayler*'s Petition), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant June, be printed.

East India (Tariff.) No. 241.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Tariff), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant June, be printed.

Customs.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-third Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs on the Customs for the year ended 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Prerogative of the Crown.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 13th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That to prevent the growing abuse by Her Majesty's Ministers of the Prerogative and influence of the Crown, and consequent augmentation of the power of the Government in enabling them, under cover of the supposed personal interposition of the Sovereign, to withdraw from the cognizance and control of this House matters relating to policy and expenditure properly within the scope of its powers and privileges, it is necessary that the mode and limits of the action of the Prerogative should be more strictly observed;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Serjeant *Simon* have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of ill health.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 69, postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 70 (Inquiry by court on absence of soldier).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 2, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause—— put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 71 (Confession by soldier of desertion or fraudulent enlistment).

Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 32, to leave out the words "or Adjutant General."

Question, That the words "Adjutant General" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 72, postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 73 (Limit of original enlistment).

Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 32, to leave out the word "twelve," in order to insert the word "twenty."

Question proposed, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 74, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 75, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 76 (Reckoning and forfeiture of service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 14, after the word "reserve" to insert the words "or of pen-"sion."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 14, to leave out from the word "attestation" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words "but when "a soldier of the regular forces has been guilty of "any of the following offences" stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Loans [Remission.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Public Loans [Remission], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the remission of certain Loans formerly made by the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, and the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and by the *Irish* Exchequer Loan Commissioners, and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of Moneys formerly raised by the authority of Parliament for the purpose of such Loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant June, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of July next.

Public Loans Remission Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to remit certain Loans made by the Exchequer Loan Commissioners and the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and by the *Irish* Exchequer Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Bill 218.

Turnpike Acts Continuance.

Lord *George Cavendish* reported from the Committee on Turnpike Acts Continuance; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

No. 243.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence, do lie upon the Table; and that the Report, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, be printed.

Land Titles and Transfer.

Mr. *Osborne Morgan* reported from the Select Committee on Land Titles and Transfer; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

No. 244.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Warrington Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Warrington* Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Swindon, Marlborough, and Andover Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Swindon*, *Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Aire and Calder Navigation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Aire* and *Calder* Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Prosecution of Offences Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Habitual Drunkards Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Habitual Drunkards Bill, without any Amendment.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 25th June, 1879.

PRAYERS.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

THE West *Donegal* Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixteenth Report.

Wills Proved, &c.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of April last, for Returns relative to Wills Proved, &c.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Joint Stock Banking and other Companies.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of May last, for a Return relative to Joint Stock Banking and other Companies.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 24th June 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the War Office on their Retirement under the Act 41 & 42 *Vic.* c. 53.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India Services.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons employed by the Guaranteed Railway and other Companies, and in any other Department of the Government of *India* not included in the Order of this House of the 19th day of June 1879, receiving Salaries, Pay, Pensions, or other Allowances (whether Annual or in a Lump Payment), chargeable on the Revenues of *India* in the official year 1878–9, the Amount of which was not less than £. 100 or 1,000 rupees each Person, distinguishing the Natives of *India*, the *Eurasians*, and the *Europeans*; those resident in *India* and those not so resident; and showing the Administration, Department, and Class in which they were serving, and the Total Amount drawn in each Class.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "while this House "recognises that the funds set free by the dis-"establishment of the *Irish* Church should be "devoted to the benefit of the people of *Ireland*, "provided they are not again applied to the support "of any sectarian religion, it is not desirable to "devote additional public funds to the further "promotion of higher education in *Ireland* till "adequate provision is first made for elementary "teaching in that Country without aid from Im-"perial funds exceeding that given to other parts "of the United Kingdom," instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Tramways (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Warranty of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Warranty of Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to apply the Sum of Six million, Five hundred and Sixty-seven thousand and Twenty-three Pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

School Boards (Duration of Loans.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Amendment Act of 1873, by reducing the period during which the repayment of Loans contracted by School Boards may extend: And that Mr. *Hanbury*, Mr. *Pell*, and Mr. *Reginald Yorke* do prepare, and bring it in.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order for resuming, upon Wednesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant June, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

Bill 219.

Mr. *Hanbury* presented a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Amendment Act of 1873, by reducing the period during which the repayment of Loans contracted by School Boards may extend: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 26*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Fifteenth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, and 24th days of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixteenth Report.

Workhouses. No. 245.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Workhouses, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant June, be printed.

Joint Stock Banking and other Companies. No. 246.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Joint Stock Banking and other Companies, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Prisons (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the General Prisons Board, under the General Prisons (*Ireland*) Act, 1877, and approved by the Lords Justices and Privy Council, amending former Rules for Local Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th June 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *William George Wilkinson*, Hired Labourer, *Portsmouth* Yard.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under Part III. of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868 (Orders for Fishery Grants, 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Revenue, Taxation, and Population.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 382, of Session 1878) respecting the Duties on Spirits, Malt, Wine, &c., together with the Duty on Tobacco, and the Excise Licences Duties, in order to show the Proportions of the several Items of Revenue derived from *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1879, and the Results for each of the Three Kingdoms:——Return, to be divided in the same manner, between *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, of the Net Produce of each of the other Sources of Revenue derived from Taxation (the Income Tax on the Salaries of Persons in the Service of Government not to be included); and a Summary to be given by adding the Results of both Divisions together:——And the Population of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, as on the 30th day of June 1879, as estimated in the Returns made by the Registrar General, together with the Average Rate *per* Head of the Total Taxation paid by the Inhabitants of each of these parts of the United Kingdom.

Corn Averages (Memorandum Respecting.) No. 247.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Memorandum addressed to the Board of Trade by the Comptroller of Corn Returns on the Diminution in the Quantities of Wheat returned as sold in the different Markets of *England* and *Wales*, and on other matters connected with the Corn Returns.

Mr. *J. G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill had stated that the Evidence of *John Peake Knight* was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said *John Peake Knight* do attend the said Committee on Friday the 27th day of June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That *John Peake Knight* do attend the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Metropolis (Whitechapel and Limehouse) Improvement SchemeAmendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Matterdale Common) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Matterdale* Common) Bill, without any Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Redmoor and Golberdon Commons) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon* Commons) Bill, without any Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (East Stainmore Common) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Inclosure Provisional Order (*East Stainmore* Common) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Gloucester and Hereford) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (Dorset, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Highways) Provisional Orders (*Dorset*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Castleton by Rochdale, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Castleton by Rochdale*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Killarney, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders (*Killarney*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh*, *Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Midland Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Midland Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the West *Lancashire* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Portsmouth*, *Southsea*, and *Landport*, and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Christ Church, Newgate Street (London) Tithes Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Christ Church*, *Newgate Street* (*London*) Tithes Bill, without any Amendment.

Maryport District and Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Maryport* District and Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments which relate to the Supply of Intoxicating Drinks on Credit; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Prosecution of Offences Bill. Bill 220.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Prosecution of Offences Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock; and be printed.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 76 (Reckoning and forfeiture of service).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 41, l. 16, to leave out from the word "attestation" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words "but when a soldier "of the regular forces has been guilty of any of "the following offences" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 31, to leave out from the words "the whole of his "prior service shall be forfeited," in order to insert the words "he shall forfeit such portion of his pre-"vious service as the court-martial before which "he shall be tried or the said authority may "declare."

Question put, That the words "the whole of "his prior service" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 62.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Hopwood*, Mr. *O'Donnell*: } 42.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 31, after

after the word "forfeited" to insert the words "unless the court or competent military authority "specifically orders that only a portion of such "service be forfeited."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 77 (Mode of enlistment and attestation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 41, ls. 40 and 41, to leave out the words "for the time being autho-"rised by a Secretary of State," in order to insert the words "hereinafter annexed."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause —— put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 2, after the word "justice," to insert the words "being satisfied he is of full age."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 43, after the word "mentioned," to insert the words "and every recruiter shall take such steps as may "be necessary and possible to inform the parents "or guardians of the recruit of the proposed en-"listment when such recruit is under age."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 5, after the word "enlisted," to insert the words "or if in the opinion of the justice he is under the "influence of intoxicating liquor."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 78 (Power of recruit to purchase discharge).

Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 2, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "two."

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 79 (Enlistment for general service and appointment to corps).

Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 12, after the word "forces" to insert the words "and shall "not be transferred without his consent from the "depôt of a regiment on service in the United "Kingdom to the depôt of a regiment on foreign "service."

Question, That those words be there inserted —— put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 80 (Effect of appointment to a corps and provision for transfers).

Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "authority," in p. 43, l. 26, to the word "forces," in l. 31, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 35, after the word "by" to insert the words "ar-"rangement with the soldier so serving and by."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "but no "soldier shall be so transferred against his own "will unless all available soldiers of less service "are also transferred from the corps which is "ordered home or to another station."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 44, l. 30, to leave out from the word "rank" to the word "order," in l. 44, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Customs and Inland Revenue Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 7th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Loans Remission Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Loans Remission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Short Title).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Power for Crown to accept services).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Land (Ireland) (Licences to Corporate Bodies.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Licences contained in Charters from the Crown to Corporate Bodies to hold Land in *Ireland*, so far as such Charters have been enrolled or so far as already calendared Grants have been granted for such Charters unenrolled (other than Licences to Ecclesiastical Corporations where the Lands have been sold to Tenants or others under the *Irish* Church Act of 1869, or those Licences to Municipal Corporations whose Property was transferred to Local Representative Bodies under the *Irish* Municipal Corporations Reform Act, 1840); showing the Name of the Corporate Body, the object for which the Property was to be held, and the Amount or Value of the Land allowed to be held.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Contribution by Charities towards the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, and to make further Provision respecting the Accounts of Charities:

Charities: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Industrial Enterprise (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of an *Irish* Tribunal with Functions similar to those now exercised by Committees of Parliament with reference to *Irish* Undertakings of an Industrial character: And that Mr. *P. J. Smyth*, Mr. *J. Cowen*, Colonel *King-Harman*, and The *O'Donoghue* do prepare, and bring it in.

Hares (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hares (*Ireland*) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) Bill. Bill 221.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to provide for the Contribution by Charities towards the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, and to make further provision respecting the Accounts of Charities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Belfast* Central Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Industrial Enterprise (Ireland) Bill. Bill 222.

Mr. *P. J. Smyth* presented a Bill for the Establishment of an *Irish* Tribunal with Functions similar to those now exercised by Committees of Parliament with reference to *Irish* Undertakings of an Industrial character: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of July next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 27*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Saint Alban City Extension Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Saint Alban* City Extension Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Stourbridge* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Eastbourne Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Eastbourne* Local Board Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Dudley Sewage Bill [*Lords*.]

The *Dudley* Sewage Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

Warranty of Animals Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Warranty of Animals Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of July next.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixteenth Report.

Mercantile Marine Fund. No. 248.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Mercantile Marine Fund, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Jurors (Ireland.) No. 249.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Jurors (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant June, be printed.

Sea Fisheries Act, 1868. No. 250.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant June, be printed.

East India (Indian Wheat.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on *Indian* Wheat by Dr. *Forbes Watson*.

East India (Loans raised in India.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in *India* chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1879, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year, stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

East India (Liabilities in India.)

Return of all Stocks, Loans, Debts, and Liabilities in *India* chargeable on the Revenues of *India* at the close of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1879; with the Rates and Amount of Interest; showing the Changes which have taken place in the half-year in respect to the Debts incurred and paid off or discharged.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Explosions (Dinas Colliery.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Q.C., M.P., on the Inquest held in the case of the *Dinas* Colliery Explosion, with other Papers on the subject.

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Solicitors (Preliminary Examinations.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of April last, for a Return relative to Solicitors (Preliminary Examinations).

Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1877.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplemental Rules of the Supreme Court of Judicature (*Ireland*) made by the Lords Justices General and General Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, under the Supreme Court of Judicature (*Ireland*) Act, 1877, by Order dated 16th June 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Greece (No. 1, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Negotiations for the Rectification of the *Greek* Frontier.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Consular Reports) (Commercial, No. 19, 1879.)

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of their Consular Districts, Part III., Trade Reports.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 20, 1879.)

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of the Countries in which they reside. Part IV., Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Canal Boats.

Mr. *Salt* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Regulations, dated the 26th June 1879, made by the Local Government Board under the Canal Boats Act (1877).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Statistical Abstract (1864-1878.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen years, from 1864 to 1878. Twenty-sixth Number.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March last,—Copy of Treasury Minute sanctioning the Excess of Expenditure on Vote 14, for the maintenance of certain Light Ships over the Wreck of H.M.S. "*Vanguard*," being met out of the aggregate Savings of Navy Votes generally for the year 1878-9.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Limerick (Slaughter of Cattle.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Chairman of the Committee of the Local Authority in the *Limerick* Union under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act and the Authorities of the Royal *Irish* Constabulary, and between the said Chairman and the Chief Secretary for *Ireland*, on the subject of alleged Irregularities with reference to certain Cattle officially reported on the 15th day of January 1879 to have been slaughtered in *Limerick*.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 81 (Re-engagement of soldiers).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word "reserve," in p. 45, l. 18, to the word "enlistment," in l. 22, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 82 (Continuance in service after twenty-one years' service).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 45, l. 29, after the word "reserve," to insert the words "or "a soldier in the reserve whose time has been, or "within one year will be, completed."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 83 (Prolongation of service in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 45, ls. 38 and 39, to leave out the words "while a state of war "exists between Her Majesty and any foreign "power."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 46, ls. 1 and 2, to leave out the words "be detained," in order to insert the words "re-enlist in the service."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 46, l. 10, after the word "power," to insert the words "when such state of war constitutes an imminent "national danger."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 46, ls. 9 and 10, to leave out the words "while a state of "war exists between Her Majesty and any foreign "power or."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	192.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Connor Power*:	16.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided, That in "all such cases the fact of such detention and the "number of men so detained shall be communicated "to Parliament at the earliest possible date."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Rylands*:	60.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	206.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 84 (In imminent national danger, Her Majesty may continue soldiers in or require soldiers to re-enter army service).

Amendment proposed in p. 46, l. 20, to leave out from the first word "Parliament" to the word "Council," in l. 22, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 85, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 86 (Discharge or transfer to reserve).

Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 18, to leave out the words "not afterwards have any claim," in order to insert the words "equally be entitled."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 87 (Delivery of soldier on discharge with

with his wife or child at workhouse, or of dangerous lunatic at asylum).

Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 38, to leave out from the word "sent" to the word "paper," in p. 48, l. 1, inclusive, in order to insert the words "any parish in which the soldier has resided at "any period before his enlistment for twelve "months, but choosing as far as possible the "parish in which the soldier has last spent twelve "months, and, if this cannot be ascertained, "then."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 7th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will upon Monday the 7th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Juries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of July next.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Prosecution of Offences Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Prosecution of Offences Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Barristers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barristers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

That, in the case of the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that Notices of the objects of the Bill be forthwith published once in the "*London Gazette*" and in three successive weeks in some one and the same Newspaper of the County of *Southampton*; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway.

That, in the case of the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Company to raise further money, and for other purposes: And that Sir *Thomas Bazley* and Mr. *Agg-Gardner* do prepare, and bring it in.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 1st of July, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Corn (Measures and Weights.) No. 251.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Summary of Returns from the Inspectors of Corn Returns and Officers of Excise of the various Measures and Weights used in the Sale of Corn and Flour in and near each of the principal Market Towns of *England* and *Wales*.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) Bill.

The House was moved, That the entries in the Votes of the Proceedings of this House of the 26th day of this instant June, in relation to the Charity (Expenses and Accounts) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Proceedings be null and void.

Charity Commissioners' Expenses [Stamp Duty.]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of imposing a Stamp Duty on Charities towards meeting the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill. Bill 223.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 224.

The Supply of Drink on Credit Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company Bill, without any Amendment.

Clare Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

Leadenhall Market and Improvements Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Leadenhall* Market and Improvements Bill, without any Amendment.

Southend Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Southend* Water Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Norwich* Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow Municipal Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Glasgow* Municipal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Colchester Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Colchester* Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend "The Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869"; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the Employment of Children in Places of Public Amusement in certain cases; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leitrim Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for giving effect to a Compromise of certain opposing Claims affecting the Estates of *William Sydney* Earl of *Leitrim*, deceased, in the Counties of *Leitrim*, *Donegal*, *Galway*, and *Kildare*, in *Ireland*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leitrim Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Leitrim* Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 891,615, for Half-Pay, Reserved, and Retired Pay to Officers of the Navy and Marines.
2. £. 803,920, for Military Pensions and Allowances.
3. £. 301,211, for Civil Pensions and Allowances.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Irish Workhouses.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire what steps it is desirable to take to improve the state of Children in *Irish* Workhouses," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 28*th June*, 1879:

Farmers (Ireland.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "as it appears that great benefit has arisen in certain parts of *Ireland* by the working of 'the *Spencer* system,' under which small farmers have been encouraged and stimulated to improved cultivation by a distribution of small money prizes for competition, it is therefore expedient that this system should be encouraged by Her Majesty's Government undertaking to provide official inspection in all cases where individuals, or public or corporate bodies, are willing to provide funds for the carrying out of the system of rewards, more especially as the funds now available from the closing of certain model farms will be more than sufficient to enable this to be done," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee

mittee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Partnership.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of consolidating and amending the Law of Partnership:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Partnership.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Partnership:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *Herschell*, Mr. *Gregory*, and Mr. *Whitwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sittings of the Quarter Sessions Court of the Borough of *Cork*: And that Mr. *Murphy*, Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Goulding*, and Colonel *Colthurst* do prepare, and bring it in.

Highway Accounts (Returns.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Returns of Receipts and Expenditure as regards Highways, and to dispense with the Verification before Justices of the Accounts of Surveyors of Highways: And that Mr. *Sclater-Booth* and Mr. *Salt* do prepare, and bring it in.

Partnership Bill. Bill 225.

Mr. *Sampson Lloyd* presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Partnership: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of July next; and to be printed.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill. Bill 226.

Mr. *Murphy* presented a Bill to regulate the Sittings of the Quarter Sessions Court of the Borough of *Cork*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill. Bill 227.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Returns of Receipts and Expenditure as regards Highways, and to dispense with the Verification before Justices of the Accounts of Surveyors of Highways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 30*th June*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

London and North Western Railway (Denbigh, Ruthin, and Corwen Railway, Vesting) Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh*, *Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Blackburn Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Blackburn* Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The

London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Midland Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Portsmouth, Southsea, and Landport, and Portsmouth and Cosham Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Portsmouth*, *Southsea*, and *Landport*, and *Portsmouth* and *Cosham* Street Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Stratford-upon-Avon Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Corporation and Local Board of Health Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

West Lancashire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West *Lancashire* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ayr* Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Company to raise further money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

Contagious Diseases Act, 1866.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866, in the Session of 1868, together with the Minutes of Evidence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Public Petitions.

Vide Sixteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

East India (Loans raised in India.) No. 252.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Loans raised in *India*), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant June, be printed.

East India (Liabilities in India.) No. 253.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Liabilities in *India*), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant June, be printed.

South Africa (Expenditure.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of March last, for Returns relative to *South Africa* (Expenditure).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Polling Districts (Shrewsbury.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Council of the Borough of *Shrewsbury*, for the Division of the said Borough into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Egypt (No. 3 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *Egypt*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—The Fifty-seventh Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, in obedience to the Acts of 10 *Geo.* 4, c. 50, and 2 *Will.* 4, c. 1, being the Twenty-eighth Report under the Act of the 14 & 15 *Vic.* c. 42, dated 28th June 1879.

Superannuations.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th June 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to *Edward Hackney*, Established First Class Hammerman, *Chatham* Yard.

Isle of Man.

Account of the Receipt and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the *Isle of Man*, and Account of the Accumulated Fund for the year ended 31st March 1879, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Limerick Prison. No. 254.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of April last, for Returns relative to *Limerick* Prison.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, supplemental to that ordered on the 28th day of April last, showing the Number of Prisoners committed to the County *Limerick* Prison since the Appointment of the present Governor on the 31st day of May 1862, who were considered by the Medical Officer to be Insane on Committal or within Forty-eight hours afterwards:——And, Explanatory Statements relative to the Prisoners who committed Suicide, and to those who were not considered Insane on Committal.

Mr. *James Lowther* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

University Education (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Declaration lately presented to the Prime Minister from the Catholic Laity of *Ireland* in favour of the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill.

Post Office Savings Banks. No. 255.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, arranged according to Counties, showing the Number of Accounts of Depositors in Post Office Savings Banks remaining open on the 31st day

day of December in each year from 1873 to 1878, inclusive, together with the Amount, inclusive of Interest, standing to the Credit of these Accounts.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 87 (Delivery of soldier on discharge with his wife or child at workhouse, or of dangerous lunatic at asylum).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 47, l. 38, to leave out from the word "sent" to the word "paper," in p. 48, l. 1, inclusive, in order to insert the words "any parish in which the soldier has resided at "any period before his enlistment for twelve "months, but choosing as far as possible the parish "in which the soldier has last spent twelve "months, and if this cannot be ascertained, then."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 88, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 89 (Regulations as to persons to enlist, and enlistment of soldiers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 49, l. 28, after the word "expedient," to insert the words "in addition "to those regulations, directions, and forms con-"tained in the Schedule of this Act."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Donnell:* } 17.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 169.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided always, "That any such order so made shall be laid as "soon as may be before both Houses of Parlia-"ment, and if either House of Parliament, within "the next forty days after the same has been so "laid before such House, resolve that such order "ought to be annulled, the same shall, after the "date of such resolution, be of no effect, without "prejudice to the validity of anything done in the "meantime under such order, or to the making of "any new order."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Connor Power:* } 33.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton:* } 148.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 90 (Justices of the peace for the purposes of enlistment).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 10, to leave out from the word "Colony" to the word "Consul," in l. 14, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 15, after the word "officer," to insert the words, "on "full pay."

Question, That those words be there inserted —— put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 16, after the word "soldiers," to insert the words "of "the regular or auxiliary forces."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 91 (Enlistment of foreigners and negroes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 21, to leave out from the word "forces," to the word "offi-"cers," in l. 26, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 24, to leave out the words "so enlisted."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 26, after the word "officer," to insert the words "and "the same restrictions shall apply to natives of "*Asia* and *Africa* not of *European* parentage."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 27, to leave out the word "although."

Question put, That the word "although" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 65.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Parnell:* } 18.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 92, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 93, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 94, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 95, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 96 (Recruits punishable for false answers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 11, after the word "person," to insert the word "wilfully."

Question proposed, That the word "wilfully" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 18, to leave out from the word "liable" to the word "authority," in l. 19, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 52, l. 17, to leave out the word "person," in order to insert the word "soldier."

Question proposed, That the word "person" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided, That no "person shall be tried by court-martial for any "offence under this section which has been dis-"covered less than six months after attestation."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar:* } 15.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 110.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 97, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 98 (Validity of attestation and enlistment or re-engagement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 3, to leave out from the word "discharge," to the word "Act," in l. 11, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 156.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Parnell:* } 14.

Another

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 13, to leave out from the second word "re-engaged" to the word "appears," in l. 16, inclusive, in order to insert the words "he shall be entitled to bring "such claim before the nearest court of summary "jurisdiction, and if the court decides that his "claim is."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 99, and N° 100, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 101, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 102, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 103 (Obligation of constable to provide billets for officers, soldiers, and horses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 54, l. 9, after the word "constable," to insert the words "other than "a constable of the Royal *Irish* Constabulary."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 104 (Liability to provide billets).

Amendment proposed, in p. 55, l. 10, to leave out from the word "nor" to the word "nor," in l. 12, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 55, l. 12, to leave out from the word "nor" to the word "nor," in l. 18, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 55, l. 21, to leave out from the word "nor," to the word "nor," in l. 25, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 105 and N° 106, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 107 (Annual list of keepers of victualling houses liable to billets).

Amendment proposed, in p. 56, l. 32, after the word "houses," to insert the words "and all other "persons."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 108, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 109, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 110 and N° 111, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 112 (Supply of carriages, &c., for regimental baggage and stores on the march).

Amendment proposed, in p. 59, l. 16, after the word "purpose," to insert the words "provided "the owner does not require them for his own "special purposes."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 113, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 114, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 115 (Supply of carriages and vessels in case of emergency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 61, l. 31, after the word "draught," to insert the words "which are "kept for hire."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to add the words "Provided "always that the existence of the emergency be "communicated to Parliament prior to the powers "of this section being used."

Question, That those words be there added——put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 116, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 117, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 118 to N° 121, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 122 (Royal warrant required for convening and confirming general courts-martial).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow: **Supply [27th June] Report.**

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 891,615, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half-Pay, Reserved, and Retired Pay to Officers of the Navy and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880. **Half-Pay, &c. (Navy.)**

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 803,920, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Military Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880. **Military Pensions and Allowances.**

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 301,211, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880. **Civil Pensions and Allowances (Navy.)**

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Resolutions were accordingly read a second time, and agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill; **Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.**

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rivers Conservancy Bill; **Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*]**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; **Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.**

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 14th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill; **Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill; **County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant July.

The

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant July.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 8th day of this instant July, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Act (1871) (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Loans Remission Bill.

The Public Loans Remission Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 9th day of this instant July.

Charity Commissioners' Expenses [Stamp Duty.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Charity Commissioners' Expenses [Stamp Duty].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of a Stamp Duty of One *per centum* on the gross Income of Charities towards meeting the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, and to make further provision respecting the Accounts of Charities.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 2 and N° 3, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 5 to N° 12, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 13, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 14 to N° 21, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 22 (Discipline of volunteer force when on actual military service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 16, to leave out from the word "subject" to the word "only," in l. 19, both inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be

be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 23 to N° 39, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 40, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 41 to N° 46, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Customs Buildings.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Transfer of Property held for the Service of Her Majesty's Customs to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and for other purposes: And that Mr. *Gerard Noel* and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Abergavenny Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Axminster Union, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Bill be now taken into consideration: — The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Customs Buildings Bill.

Bill 228.

Mr. *Gerard Noel* presented a Bill for the Transfer of Property held for the Service of Her Majesty's Customs to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 14th day of this instant July, the Dogs Regulation (*Ireland*) Act (1865) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords*.] Bill 229.

The Children's Dangerous Performances Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Private Bills (Group M.)

Mr. *Arthur Peel* reported from the Committee on Group M. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords*.]

MR. *Raikes* reported the *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Goldsmid* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported *Edwards'* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Private Bills (Standing Order 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Standing Order, No. 62, has been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Banbury and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Southend Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Southend* Water Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Colchester Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Colchester* Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Glasgow Municipal Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Glasgow* Municipal Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Wombwell Local Board Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Wombwell* Local Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Belfast* Central Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, adopting the recommendation contained in the Special Report of the Committee to which this Bill was referred, is of opinion that its provisions should not be regarded as a precedent for defining the terms on which the *Indian* Government may hereafter exercise its right of acquiring possession of the other guaranteed Railways in *India*."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this House, adopting the recommendation contained in the Special Report of the Committee to which this Bill was referred, is of opinion that its provisions should not be regarded as a precedent for defining the terms on which the *Indian* Government may hereafter exercise its right of acquiring possession of the other guaranteed Railways in *India*," be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, adopting the recommendation contained in the Special Report of the Committee to which this Bill was referred, is of opinion that its provisions should not be regarded as a precedent for defining the terms on which the *Indian* Government may hereafter exercise its right of acquiring possession of the other guaranteed Railways in *India*.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Sixteenth Report.

Solicitors (Preliminary Examinations.) No. 256.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Solicitors (Preliminary Examinations), which was presented upon the 27th day of June last, be printed.

South Africa (Expenditure.) No. 257.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *South Africa* (Expenditure), which was presented upon the 30th day of June last, be printed.

Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues. No. 258.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, which was presented upon the 30th day of June last, be printed.

Isle of Man. No. 259.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the *Isle of Man*, which was presented upon the 30th day of June last, be printed.

Afghanistan (No. 6, 1879.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch from the Government of *India*, No. 136, 1879, forwarding a Copy of the Treaty of Peace with *Afghanistan*.

Council of India (Professional Appointments.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Special Reasons for Appointment of Lieutenant General *Richard Strachey*, R.E., C.S.I., to be a Member of the Council of *India*, under the Act 39 *Vic.* c. 7.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Agricultural Statistics (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—The Agricultural Statistics of *Ireland* for the year 1878.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland.)

Copy of Twenty-eighth Report on the District, Criminal, and Private Lunatic Asylums in *Ireland*; with Appendices.

Drunkenness (Ireland) (Arrests.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of May last, for Returns relative to Drunkenness (*Ireland*) (Arrests).

Prisons (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary of State, under the Prisons (*Scotland*) Act, 1877, as to the Appointment of a Visiting Committee for the Prison of *Stonehaven*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Queen's Colleges (Ireland.) No. 260.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Memorandum in Explanation of the Estimate of the Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1880, in aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in *Ireland*.

Civil List Pensions.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—A List of all Pensions granted during the year ended the 20th June 1879, and charged upon the Civil List.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed.

Explosives Act, 1875.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Numbers and Names of the Inspectors appointed under the Fifty-third Section of "The Explosives Act, 1875," showing the Amounts paid to each of them for Salaries and Travelling and other Expenses and Fees or Emoluments during each of the years 1876, 1877, and 1878:——Of the Number of Clerks and Officers connected with the Department at the Home Office, and the Amount paid to them for Salaries and Expenses:——Of the Names of the Public Analyst or Analysts employed by the Department, and the Amount of Fees, Emoluments, and Expenses paid to him or them during each of the said Three years:——Of the Number and Names of each of the different Local Inspectors, and the Salaries and Emoluments paid to each of them during the said Three years:——Of the Amount paid for Law Charges connected with the Department and the Amounts received from Parties for Costs on Convictions:——Of the Amount of Fees paid to Home Office and the Local Authorities respectively for Licences and for registering of Premises during the same period:——And, of the Costs and Penalties on Proceedings instituted by the Secretary of State and Local Authorities respectively during the same period.

Mr.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

Customs and Inland Revenue Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Poor Law) Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Aspull, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (*Aspull*, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Crystal Palace* District Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Weardale and Shildon District Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Houghton-le-Spring District Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Morecambe* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Mirfield* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Birmingham* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Wisbech* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Preston Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Preston* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Lancaster* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cardiff* Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Neath and Brecon Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant July.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and it being ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Whittington* Common) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Charity Commissioners' Expenses [Stamp Duty.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Charity Commissioners' Expenses [Stamp Duty], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of a Stamp Duty of One *per centum* on the gross income of Charities towards meeting the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, and to make further provision respecting the Accounts of Charities.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson*, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, do prepare, and bring it in.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the contribution by Charities towards the Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for *England* and *Wales*, and to make further provision respecting

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respecting the Accounts of Charities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday the 9th day of this instant July, on the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Education (Wales.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to consider the best means of assisting any local effort which may be made for supplying the deficiency of higher Education in *Wales*;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "assisting any "local effort which may be made for."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Hussey Vivian*, Mr. *Puleston*:	54.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	105.

So it passed in the Negative.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*.]

The Supply of Drink on Credit Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

The *Cork* Borough Quarter Sessions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords*.]

The Children's Dangerous Performances Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2 Bill.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Group A.)

MR. *Dundas* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, on account of the illness of Lord *Henry Lennox*, the Chairman of the Committee, they had adjourned till Thursday the 3rd of July, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Hundred of Hoo Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Norwich Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Norwich* Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *East Indian* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words, "upon "Wednesday next."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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Prisons (Ireland.) No. 261.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 26th day of June last, be printed.

Prisons (Scotland.) No. 237.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Civil List Pensions. No. 262.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Civil List Pensions, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Drunkenness (Ireland) (Arrests.) No. 263.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Drunkenness (*Ireland*) (Arrests), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Mortality (General and Infant.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of June last, for Returns relative to Mortality (General and Infant).

Pawnbrokers' Returns (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns from the City Marshal of *Dublin*, Registrar of Pawnbrokers in *Ireland*, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

University Education (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of June last, for a Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Urban Water Supply.

Mr. *Salt* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of May, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the means by which Drinkable Water is supplied to every Urban Sanitary District in *England* and *Wales*, such means being provided by Public or Private Arrangements. The Return should state for each District,—

1. The Name and Population according to the Census of 1871;
2. The Source from which Water is supplied;
3. The Arrangements made for the Supply, by Reservoir, Wells (Artesian or otherwise), Rivers (if filtered or not), or any other Arrangements;
4. Amount of Daily Supply, and whether or not the Supply is sufficient;
5. Whether the Supply is constant or not, and the Quantity used Daily;
6. The Rateable Value of the District;
7. The Capital Cost of the Permanent Works, if any;
8. The Annual Payment for Principal and Interest on Money borrowed for the Works;
9. The Average Annual Cost of maintaining the Works;
10. The Annual Amount of the Water Rates and Rents, if any;
11. The Act of Parliament or other Authority under which the Works have been executed;
12. What Improvements, if any, are considered necessary.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Spirits in Bond Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act (1870) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Landlord and Tenant (*Ireland*) Act (1870) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Guardians (Election by Ballot) (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ulster Tenant Right (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Ulster* Tenant Right (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Elective County Boards (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elective County Boards (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Tenants' Improvements in Towns (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tenants' Improvements in Towns (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (*Ireland*) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common) Bill.

The Inclosure Provisional Order (*Whittington* Common) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Tramways.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways, authorised by Parliament, showing the Amount of Capital authorised, paid up, and expended, the Length of Tramway authorised, and the Length open for the Public Conveyance of Passengers, down to the 30th day of June 1879; the Number of Passengers conveyed, the Number of Miles run by Cars, the Receipts, Expenditure, and Net Receipts during the year ended the 30th day of June 1879, together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant July.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 3rd *July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Sixteenth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 30th days of June last, and 1st day of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Ayr* Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Baxter*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Leitrim Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Omnibus Regulation Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act, 1879.
2. Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879.
3. Statute Law Revision (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
4. *West India* Loan Act, 1879.
5. House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1879.
6. Racecourses Licensing Act, 1879.
7. Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879.
8. Hares Preservation (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
9. Prosecution of Offences Act, 1879.
10. Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Clonmel*, &c.) Act, 1879.
11. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
12. Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Brighton* and *Preston*, &c.) Act, 1879.
13. Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (*London*) Act, 1879.
14. Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Cashel*, &c.) Act, 1879.
15. Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Provisional Order (*Downpatrick*) Confirmation Act, 1879.
16. Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Waterford*, &c.) Act, 1879.
17. Public Health (*Scotland*) Act, 1867, Order Confirmation (*Bothwell*) Act, 1879.
18. Metropolis

18. Metropolis (*Little Coram Street, Bloomsbury, Wells Street, Poplar*, and *Great Peter Street, Westminster*) Improvement Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
19. Local Government Board's (Highways) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Buckingham*, &c.) Act, 1879.
20. Local Government Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Aysgarth* Union &c.) Act, 1879.
21. Metropolis (*Whitechapel* and *Limehouse*) Improvement Scheme Modification Act, 1879.
22. Inclosure and Regulation (*Matterdale*) Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
23. Inclosure (*Redmoor* and *Golberdon*) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1879.
24. Inclosure and Regulation (*East Stainmore*) Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
25. Local Government Board's (Highways) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Gloucester* and *Hereford*) Act, 1879.
26. Local Government Board's (Highways) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Dorset*, &c.) Act, 1879.
27. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Castleton-by-Rochdale*, &c.) Act, 1879.
28. Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Killarney*, &c.) Act, 1879.
29. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Aspull*, &c.) Act, 1879.
30. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Abergavenny* Union, &c.) Act, 1879.
31. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (*Axminster* Union, &c.) Act, 1879.
32. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1879.
33. East *Cornwall* Mineral Railway Act, 1879.
34. East *London* Railway Act, 1879.
35. *Bromley* Gas Act, 1879.
36. *North British* Railway (General Powers) Act, 1879.
37. *Rawmarsh* Local Board Act, 1879.
38. *Merionethshire* Railway (Extension of Time) Act, 1879.
39. City of *London* School Act, 1879.
40. *Wellington Street* United Presbyterian Church (*Glasgow*) Act, 1879.
41. *Glossop* Gas Act, 1879.
42. *Dun* Drainage Act Amendment Act, 1879.
43. West *Kent* Main Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 1879.
44. *Bath* Act, 1879.
45. *Colwyn Bay* Waterworks Act, 1879.
46. *Aberdeen* Harbour Act, 1879.
47. *Millwall* Dock Act, 1879.
48. *Grantham* Extension Act, 1879.
49. Imperial Continental Gas Association Act, 1879.
50. *Southwark* and *Deptford* Tramways Act, 1879.
51. *Ilkley* Gas Act, 1879.
52. *Thames* and *Severn* Canal Act, 1879.
53. *Yarmouth* and North *Norfolk* (Light) Railway Act, 1879.
54. East *Norfolk* Railway Act, 1879.
55. *Warrington* Corporation Lighting and Improvement Act, 1879.
56. *Swindon, Marlborough*, and *Andover* Railway Act, 1879.
57. *Goole* Lighting Act, 1879.
58. *Christchurch* (City) Tithe Act, 1879.
59. *Maryport* Improvement (Harbour) Act, 1879.
60. *Nelson* Local Board Act, 1879.
61. *Liverpool* United Tramways and Omnibus Company's Act, 1879.
62. *Clare* Slob Land Reclamation Extension Act, 1879.
63. *Neath* and *Brecon* Railway Act, 1879.
64. *Dudley* Sewage Act, 1879.
65. Great Southern and Western Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1879.
66. *Saint Alban* City Improvement Act, 1879.
67. *Stourbridge* Gas Amendment Act, 1879.
68. *Eastbourne* Improvement Act, 1879.
69. *Leadenhall* Market Act, 1879.
70. *Crystal Palace* District Gas Act, 1879.
71. *Weardale* and *Shildon* District Waterworks Act, 1879.
72. *Houghton-le-Spring* District Gas Act, 1879.
73. *London* and North Western Railway (*Denbigh, Ruthin*, and *Corwen* Railway, Vesting) Act, 1879.
74. *Blackburn* Improvement Act, 1879.
75. Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies Act, 1879.
76. *Lancashire* and *Yorkshire* Railway Act, 1879.
77. *London* and North Western Railway (New Railways) Act, 1879.
78. Midland Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1879.
79. *Portsmouth*, &c., Tramways Act, 1879.
80. *Stratford-upon-Avon* Borough Act, 1879.
81. West *Lancashire* Railway Act, 1879.
82. *Southend* Waterworks Act, 1879.
83. *Colchester* Waterworks Act, 1879.
84. *Glasgow* Corporation Tramways Act, 1879.
85. *Glasgow* Municipal Act, 1879.
86. *Wombwell* Local Board Gas Act, 1879.
87. *Roper's* Estate Act, 1879.
88. *Berry* Estate Act, 1879.
89. *Stuckgown* Estate Act, 1879.

Public Petitions.

Vide Seventeenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

University Education (Ireland.) No. 264.

Ordered, That the Return relative to University Education (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant July, be printed.

Urban Water Supply. No. 265.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Urban Water Supply, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant July, be printed.

Army (Regimental Paymasters.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of April last, for a Return relative to the Army (Regimental Paymasters).

Army (Infantry Regiments.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of May last, for a Return relative to the Army (Infantry Regiments).

Chicago Tinned Beef, &c. (South African Troops.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of June last, for Returns relative to *Chicago* Tinned Beef, &c. (*South African* Troops).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Pilotage.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of Returns relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom, for year ended 31st December 1878 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 266, of Session 1878) (as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Canal Boats. No. 266.

Mr. *Salt* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of April last, for Returns relative to Canal Boats.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Saving Life at Sea.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter from the Society of Arts to the

the Board of Trade, dated the 4th day of February 1879, enclosing a Copy of the Report of a Committee appointed by the Society of Arts to report on the best method of Saving Life at Sea.

Paupers (England.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Paupers in Receipt of Relief on the 1st day of January 1878:——And, of the Sum Expended for In-maintenance and Out-door Relief during the Parochial year 1877-8 in *England* (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 239, of Session 1878).

East Indian Railways.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Extracts from the Contracts or Agreements between the *East Indian* Company or the Government of *India* respectively with any Company for the Construction of a Railway in *India* (excepting the *East Indian* Railway) showing the Terms or Conditions upon which the Government of *India* have the right to purchase or acquire such Railway respectively, or under which such Railway would become vested in the Government of *India*.

Woods and Forests (Scotland) (Law Expenses.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, for each of the years 1877 and 1878, showing:—

First. The Total Amount paid for Legal Proceedings in *Scotland*;

Second. The Portion thereof paid to the Solicitor to the Commissioners;

Third. The Amount paid for Law Agent's Charges and other Expenses connected with the recovery of Crown Teinds;

Fourth. The Amount of Teinds recovered under Legal Proceedings.

County Courts (Plaints.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from every County Court in *England* and *Wales*, of the Total Number of Plaints, &c. entered in each Court from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1878, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £. 20; those above £. 20 and not exceeding £. 50; and those by Agreement over £. 50 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 221, of Session 1878).

Turnpike Districts (South Wales.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Mileage and Expenditure of Turnpike Districts in *South Wales* for the year 1878, and of Highway Districts in *South Wales* for the year ended the 25th day of March 1878; the Particulars to be shown for each County, as indicated by the subjoined Forms:—

I. Turnpike Districts.

Turnpike Districts.	Mileage of Turnpikes.	Expenditure, inclusive of Salaries.	Average Cost per Mile per Annum.

II. Highway Districts.

Highway Districts.	Rateable Value.	Mileage of Highways.	Expenditure, inclusive of Salaries.	Average Cost per Mile per Annum.	Average Rate in £. of Expenditure on Rateable Value.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

Mr. *Arthur Peel* reported from the Committee on the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the acquisition of the Undertaking of the *Liverpool* United Gas Light Company, the provisions as to which had been withdrawn by the Promoters, and otherwise amending the same, to limit the powers conferred by the Bill to purposes of Experiment only, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Arthur Peel* further reported; That a Report from the Local Government Board had been laid before the Committee, and considered by them; and that they had adopted such of the recommendations therein contained as appeared to them applicable to the circumstances of the case submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Mr. *Dundas* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, on account of the continued illness of Lord *Henry Lennox*, the Chairman of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Tuesday next, the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant July.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Kynaston Cross* have leave of absence till Friday the 1st day of August next, on account of ill-health.

East India (Stallions Exported.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Stallions purchased and despatched to *India* for Stud purposes during the last Five years, 1874-1878:—

Year of Purchase.	Name.	Reputed Pedigree.	Country.	Age.	Price Paid.	By whom Selected.	Remarks.
							Alive or Dead at date of Return, if known—Efficient or Non-efficient.

Fog Signals.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number and Position of the Fog Signals which have been placed on or near the Coasts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, under the sanction of the Board of Trade, distinguishing the particular kind of Signal employed, whether Guns, Rockets, Sirens, Trumpets, Whistles, &c.; and also stating (1.) the Nature of the Motive Power by which those Signals are actuated which require to be driven by Motive Power, whether Steam, Caloric Engines, &c.; and (2) the time occupied (all the Apparatus being cold) putting the Signal into operation from the first appearance of Fog, also the Prime Cost of each Apparatus, including Erection and Building for same.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Contagious Diseases Act, 1866.

The Lords communicate, Copy of Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in Session 1868 on the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866, together with the Minutes of Evidence, &c., as desired by this House.

The

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 122 (Royal warrant required for convening and confirming general courts-martial).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 65, l. 36, to leave out the words "may or."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 66, ls. 8 and 9, to leave out the words "or partly in one "way and partly in the other."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 123, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 124 (Right of person tried to copy of proceedings of court-martial).

Amendment proposed in p. 67, l. 19, to leave out the word "four" in order to insert the word "two."

Question proposed, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 67, l. 14, to leave out the word "three" in order to insert the word "seven."

Question proposed, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 125, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 126 (Misconduct of civilian at court-martial).

Amendment proposed, in p. 67, l. 33, after the worth "oath" to insert the words "or make a "solemn declaration."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 67, l. 37, after the word "him" to insert the words "pro-"vided the production of such document as evi-"dence could be legally required by a court of "civil judicature."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 6, after the word "wilfully" to insert the words "or "knowingly."

Question proposed, That the words "or know-"ingly" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 15, to leave out from the word "proceedings," to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "he "shall be liable on indictment or information to "be tried for such offence before any court of law "in the part of Her Majesty's dominions where "the alleged offence is committed which has power "to punish for contempt, and if he be convicted "that court may punish such person in like manner "as if he had been guilty of contempt of that "court."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 19, after the word "thereupon," to leave out the words "if it seem just," in order to insert the words "inquire into such alleged offence, and after "hearing any witnesses that may be produced "against or on behalf of the persons so accused, "and after hearing any statement that may be "offered in defence."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words "inquire "into alleged offence, and after hearing any wit-"nesses that may be produced against or on be-"half of the persons so accused, and after hearing "any statement that may be offered in defence" be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, to leave out from the second word "after" to the end of the proposed Amendment, in order to add the words, "the conviction of the accused "by a jury sentence such person to any term of "imprisonment not exceeding six months."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words "inquire into such "alleged offence after hearing any witnesses "that may be produced against or on behalf of "the persons so accused, and after hearing any "statement that may be offered in defence" be inserted after the word "therefrom"——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 127 (Court-martial governed by *English* law only).

Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 25, to leave out from the word "whatsover" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always, "that no evidence shall be received by a court-"martial which would not be admissible in any "suit, trial, or proceeding before a court of civil "or criminal jurisdiction, and that the rules of "evidence to be observed by a court-martial shall "be the same as those which are followed by "courts of civil or criminal jurisdiction."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 128 (Provision in case of insane persons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 68, ls. 28 and 29, to leave out the words "the court shall find specially "the fact of his insanity, and," in order to insert the words, "he shall be tried before any com-"petent court of criminal jurisdiction, and if found "to be insane."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 129 (Arrangements with *Indian* and Colonial Governments as to prisons).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided, That where a "prisoner has been sentenced in *India* or in a colony "to a term of imprisonment with hard labour ex-"ceeding twelve months, or to a term of penal "servitude, he shall be transferred as soon as "practicable to a prison or convict establishment "within the United Kingdom, there to undergo "his sentence."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "with hard labour."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words "Provided, "That where a prisoner has been sentenced in "*India* or in a colony to a term of imprisonment "exceeding

"exceeding twelve months, or to a term of penal "servitude, he shall be transferred as soon as "practicable to a prison or convict establishment "within the United Kingdom, there to undergo "his sentence," be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, after the word "Kingdom," to insert the words "unless in the case of imprison-"ment, the court shall, for special reasons or other-"wise, order."

Question, That those words be there inserted——put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words "Provided, That "where a prisoner has been sentenced in *India* or "in a colony to a term of imprisonment exceeding "twelve months, or to a term of penal servitude, "he shall be transferred as soon as practicable to "a prison or convict establishment within the "United Kingdom, unless in the case of imprison-"ment the court shall, for special reasons or "otherwise, order, there to undergo his sentence," be added at the end of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 130, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 131 (Establishment and regulation of military prisons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 7, after the word "prison," to insert the words, "and all im-"prisonments of soldiers under sentence of courts-"martial shall be carried out in such military "prisons only, and not in civil gaols, provided always "that any person subject to this Act, who shall "have been sentenced by a court-martial to be "dismissed with ignominy from Her Majesty's "service, at the expiration of a sentence of im-"prisonment, shall be imprisoned in a civil "gaol."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 11, after the word "inspectors," to insert the words "and for independent inspection by."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 12, after the word "thereof," to insert the words "and "for securing facilities for efficacious inspec-"tion of such prisons by visiting justices of the "district in the United Kingdom, and by persons "occupying an analogous position elsewhere."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Sullivan*: } 36.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 134.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 15, to leave out the words "personal correction."

Question put, That the words "personal cor-"rection" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 151.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Donnell*: } 37.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 15, after the word "correction," to insert the words "not exceeding twenty-five stripes in the case of "corporal punishment."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Hopwood*: } 35.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 171.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "stripes," in order to insert the word "lashes," instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "stripes" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;

Mr. *O'Donnell*, Member for *Dungarvan*, having in the course of Debate used the following words—

"On Saturday morning this Bill will not be allowed to move one inch before the cat is produced; and, if necessary, 500,000 *Londoners* will assemble in *Hyde Park*"—

The Clerk was directed to take down those words, and the same were taken down accordingly.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report those words to the House:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the word "stripes" stand part of the proposed Amendment;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Saturday, at One of the clock;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "One," in order to insert the word "Four," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "One" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Saturday, at half after One of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill; *Resolved*, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. **Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords*.]**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time; *Ordered*, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the clock. **Noxious Gases Bill.**

The Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next. **Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill; *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next. **Public Works Loans Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill; *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next. **Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.**

The

Inclosure Provisional Order (Maltby Lands) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Maltby* Lands) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill.

The Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Cork* Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Children's Dangerous Performances Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

Lord *Henry Scott*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, and Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Sugar Industries.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Sugar Industries have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Arlecdon and Frizington Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Birmingham* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Cardiff Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Cardiff* Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Edinburgh Municipal and Police Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Northern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Lancaster Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Lancaster* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Mirfield Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Mirfield* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Morecambe Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Morecambe* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

North British and Bothwell Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *North British* and *Bothwell* Railway Companies Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

North British Railway (Caledonian Railway, Dundee, Arbroath, &c.) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *North British* Railway (*Caledonian* Railway, *Dundee*, *Arbroath*, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Preston Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Preston* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Taff Vale Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Taff Vale* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Wisbech Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Wisbech* Gas Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Belfast* Central Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Edwards' Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Edwards' Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Goldsmid Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Goldsmid* Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

Ordered,

Sharpness New Docks, and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committee on the *Sharpness* New Docks, and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company Bill, and that the Chairman of the Committee of Selection be appointed Chairman of the Committee on the said Bill.

Private Bills (Group M.)

Ordered, That the Committee on the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill have leave to sit this day till half-past Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventeenth Report.

Chicago Tinned Beef, &c. (South African Troops.)

No. 267.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Chicago* Tinned Beef, &c. (*South African* Troops), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant July, be printed.

Pilotage.

No. 268.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Pilotage, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant July, be printed.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875 (Wolverhampton.)

Mr. *Salt* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Modification permitted by the Local Government Board, of Improvement Scheme for the Borough of *Wolverhampton*, under the Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Cyprus (No. 4, 1879) (Ordinances.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of June last, for Returns relative to *Cyprus* (Ordinances).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

County Courts (Plaints.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to County Courts (Plaints).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Australian Mail Service.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Mail Service *viâ Galle* or *Colombo* to *Melbourne*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway, &c. Bills (Capital.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of June last, for a Return relative to Railway, &c. Bills (Capital).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Select Committees on Public Business.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of May last, for a Return relative to Select Committees on Public Business.

Charity Commission Expenses.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Charity Commissioners and the Treasury upon the question of the Taxation of Charities in order to meet the Expenses of the Charity Commission.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Dispensaries (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Dispensaries (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Church Fenton, Cawood, and Wistow Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Church Fenton*, *Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill. [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London Bridge Bill.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to give leave to Sir *Henry William Peek*, Baronet, a Member of this House, to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships, in the present Session of Parliament, on the *London* Bridge Bill.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Agricultural Distress.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her "Majesty, praying Her Majesty, that She will "be graciously pleased to appoint a Royal Com-"mission to inquire into the depressed condition "of the Agricultural Interest, and the causes to "which it is owing; whether those causes are of a "temporary or of a permanent character, and how "far they have been created or can be remedied "by legislation," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

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A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, "praying Her Majesty that She will be graciously "pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire "into the depressed condition of the Agricultural "Interest, and the causes to which it is owing; "whether those causes are of a temporary or of a "permanent character, and how far they have "been created or can be remedied by legislation," be added, instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Agricultural Distress.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that She will be graciously pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the depressed condition of the Agricultural Interest, and the causes to which it is owing; whether those causes are of a temporary or of a permanent character, and how far they have been created or can be remedied by legislation.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale of a Strip of Land adjoining the *Knightsbridge* Barracks to the Metropolitan Board of Works for the Improvement of the *Knightsbridge Road*; to transfer the management of a Piece of Crown Land at *Hampton Court* from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, and to provide Compensation for the Land taken for the Reconstruction and Improvement of *Gloucester Gate* Bridge, *Regent's Park*: And that Mr. *Gerard Noel* and Mr. Secretary *Stanley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Commons Act, 1876": And that Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, Sir *Walter Barttelot*, and Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice* do prepare, and bring it in.

Slave Trade (East African Courts.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Act, 1873": And that Mr. *Bourke* and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill. Bill 231.

Mr. *Gerard Noel* presented a Bill to authorise the Sale of a Strip of Land adjoining the *Knightsbridge* Barracks to the Metropolitan Board of Works for the Improvement of the *Knightsbridge Road*; to transfer the Management of a Piece of Crown Land at *Hampton Court* from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, and to provide Compensation for the Land taken for the Reconstruction and Improvement of *Gloucester Gate* Bridge, *Regent's Park*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Slave Trade (East African Courts) Bill. Bill 232.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to amend "The Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Act, 1873": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill. Bill 233.

Mr. *Pell* presented a Bill to amend "The Commons Act, 1876": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Arthur Peel* reported from the Committee on the *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by referring to the exemption of *Saint Botolph Aldgate* from the Provisions of the Bill, a clause to that effect having been inserted in the Bill as passed by the Committee, and by making verbal Amendments, and referring to the *Christchurch* Bill as an Act, the same having just received the Royal Assent, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventeenth Report.

Army (Infantry Regiments.) No. 269.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Infantry Regiments), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant July, be printed.

County Courts (Plaints.) No. 270.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Courts (Plaints), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant July, be printed.

Railway, &c. Bills (Capital.) No. 271.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway, &c. Bills (Capital), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant July, be printed.

Charity Commission Expenses. No. 272.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Charity Commission Expenses.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Arthur Peel* reported from the Committee on Group M. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 131 (Establishment and regulation of military prisons).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 70, l. 15, after the word "correction," to insert the words "not "exceeding twenty-five stripes in the case of cor-"poral punishment."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "stripes," in order to insert the word "lashes," instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "stripes" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words "not exceeding "twenty-five stripes in the case of corporal punish-"ment," be inserted after the word "correction" ——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 15, after the word "correction," to insert the words "excepting corporal punishment."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 70, l. 18, after the word "*England*," to insert the words "and that the instrument to be used in the inflic-"tion of corporal punishment shall be a cat-of-"nine-tails, according to the sealed pattern "approved by the First Lord of the Admiralty, "dated the 7th December 1877, from the Royal "Marine Office, and endorsed *W. T. Rodney*, "Deputy Adjutant General, but without knots."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 70, l. 18, after the word "*England*" to insert the words "subject to the Prison Act of the fortieth and "forty-first *Victoria*, chapter twenty-one, and pro-"vided that all the regulations in the Prison Act "of 1865 and in the aforesaid Act as to the duties of "gaolers, medical officers, and coroners shall be "contained in such rules."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, to add at the end thereof the words "so far "as the same can be made applicable."

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words "subject to the Prison "Act of the fortieth and forty-first *Victoria*, "chapter twenty-one, and provided that all the "regulations in the Prison Act of 1865 and in the "aforesaid Act as to the duties of gaolers, medical "officers, and coroners shall be contained in such "rules, so far as the same can be made applic-"able," be inserted after the word "*England*" ——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 132 and N° 133, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 134 (Penal stoppages from ordinary pay of soldiers).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 8, after the word "every" to insert the word "whole."

Question proposed, That the word "whole" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 71, l. 9, to leave out the words "without leave or as prisoner "of war," in order to insert the words "as prisoner "of war, or, if ordered by a court-martial or by his "commanding officer, for every day of absence "without leave."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 9, to leave out the words "or as prisoner of war."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 71, l. 20, after the word "destruction," to insert the word "directly."

Question, That the word "directly" be there inserted——put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 135 and N° 136, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 137 (Exemptions of officers and soldiers from tolls).

Amendment proposed, in p. 72, l. 34, after the word "regular," to insert the words "and auxi-"liary."

Question proposed, That the words "and auxi-"liary" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 138 (Exemption of soldiers in respect of civil process).

Amendment proposed, in p. 73, l. 32, to leave out the word "thirty," in order to insert the word "forty."

Question put, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	105.
Tellers for the Noes,	Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *Parnell:*	11.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 139, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 140 (Officers not to be sheriffs or mayors).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "or to sit as a representative in "Parliament for any city or borough."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 141 (Military court of requests in *India*).

Amendment proposed, in p. 76, l. 15, to leave out from the word "arose" to the word "forces," in l. 18, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar:*	5.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:*	76.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 4.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 67.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Gorman*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 4.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 67.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Biggar*, Mr. *Parnell*: } 5.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 68.

Question again proposed, That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 142 to 144, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 145 and N° 146, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 147 (Apprehension of deserters or absentees without leave).

An Amendment made.

Sunday, 6th July, 1879:

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) [Salary and Pension.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Deputy Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and of a Retiring Allowance to *William Pitt Dundas*, Esquire, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to make provision in regard to the Office of Lord Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and for other purposes;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Sunday morning, adjourned till To-morrow.

Monday, 7th July, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill) (Special Report.)

LORD *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill, they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

At the meeting of the Committee this day, Mr. *Littler*, one of the Counsel in the case, brought to the notice of the Committee certain facts which are contained in the accompanying Papers:—

Statement by Mr. *Cockell*.
Tower High Level Bridge Bill.
Re *Grissell*.

On Tuesday Mr. *J. Sandilands Ward*, of 51, *Lincoln's Inn Fields*, Solicitor (admitted 1870) called on Mr. *Hooker* (*Wyatt, Hoskins*, and *Hooker*), and stated a client of his wished to be placed in communication with the opposing wharfingers as to the *Tower* Bridge Bill, as he could control the decision of the Committee, and was willing to do so on terms.

Mr. *Hooker* replied he did not believe it at all, but referred Mr. *Ward*'s client to Mr. *Cockell* (*Arkcoll, Jones*, and *Cockell*), as having the conduct of the opposition. Mr. *Hooker* informed Mr. *Cockell* of this fact, and the latter immediately spoke to Mr. *Littler*, and, with his sanction, arranged that, if Mr. *Ward*'s client should call upon him, he would seem to entertain the proposal, and try and draw him out as much as possible, so as to expose the whole proceeding.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. *Charles E. Grissell* called on Mr. *Cockell*, and stated his ability to control the decision of the Committee either way on terms, and as proof of his ability volunteered that, in the course of examination of witnesses, he would arrange that such questions should be asked by the Committee in favour of the wharfingers' case as would indisputably prove his assertion. Mr. *Cockell* explained that the examination of witnesses had concluded, and on being pressed to suggest some means whereby this proof could be afforded, explained to Mr. *Grissell* that the Board of Works had announced their determination of not proceeding with the measure if compensation was granted to the wharfingers and others injuriously affected, and put it to Mr. *Grissell* whether he could induce the Committee, immediately prior to Mr. *Pope*'s speech, to announce that they were unanimously of decision that the fullest compensation should be paid, and that they would not report the preamble proved unless a clause to that effect were inserted in the Bill. Mr. *Grissell* stated he could arrange for that to be done, and expressed his willingness to reduce his proposition to writing.

Thereupon Mr. *Grissell* wrote out the paper in question, in a great measure at Mr. *Cockell*'s dictation, and took it away with him, as he wished to see others upon it, and arranged to see Mr. *Cockell* in the Corridor of the House later in the day. He did so about half-past twelve, and then stated all was satisfactory, and, at Mr. *Cockell*'s request, signed the paper, Mr. *Cockell* promising to see his clients on the matter, and communicate with Mr. *Grissell*.

Mr. *Cockell* then placed the papers in Mr. *Littler*'s hands, and with him had consultations with Sir *Edmund Beckett* and Mr. *Pope*, and those gentlemen arranged a course of action.

Mr. *Cockell* wrote to Mr. *Grissell* afterwards, stating that the matter was of such consequence he had been obliged to consider it with his counsel, and could write nothing definite that evening.

Document signed by Mr. *C. E. Grissell*.

Copy Letter from *Charles E. Grissell*, 36, *Curzon Street, Mayfair*, written on the 2nd July 1879,

1879, in the presence of Mr. *Cockell* (Messrs. *Arkcoll, Jones,* and *Cockell,* Solicitors, 190, *Tooley Street, Southwark,* S.E.)

Asserting that I can control the decision of the Committee now sitting upon the *Tower* High Level Bridge Bill, I am willing to use that influence in favour of the opposing wharfingers upon certain terms, and will undertake that the Bill shall be thrown out or otherwise dealt with by the Committee in such a way as would make the Board of Works withdraw it by reason of compensation or other clauses being required by the Committee, provided a sufficient guarantee is given to me for the payment of two thousand pounds immediately on such an event happening.

(signed) *Charles E. Grissell.*

The authenticity of these Papers having been verified, the Committee feel bound to report the same for the judgment of the House as a matter seriously affecting its Privileges; and they have adjourned the further inquiry on the Bill until they shall receive further instructions from the House.

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock; and be printed.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The *East Indian* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to provide for the vesting of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company in the Secretary of State in Council of *India,* and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Bill.

The *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill was read a second time: and committed.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventeenth Report.

Peace Preservation (Ireland) Acts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Proclamation by the Lords Justices and Privy Council of *Ireland,* dated 24th June 1879, revoking the Proclamation of the County of the City of *Kilkenny.*

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Telegraphic Communications.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to *East India* (Telegraphic Communications).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Extradition Act, 1870 (Griqualand West.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th June 1879, directing that the Ordinance passed by the Legislature of *Griqualand West,* entitled, "No. 1, of 1879, Ordinance to provide for the more convenient administration of the Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873, of the Imperial Parliament," shall have effect in that Province as if it were part of the "Extradition Act, 1870."

India Office.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 26th June 1879, approving certain proposed revised Appointments and Alterations of Salaries in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for *India* in Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Property and Income Tax.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amount of the Duty charged as Property and Income Tax under each Schedule, with the Total Amount thereof, and the Amount of the Duty charged on Inhabited Houses, all for the latest year for which a Return can be obtained, for each County and Parliamentary Division of a County in the United Kingdom, exclusive of Cities and Boroughs:——And, similar Return for the Cities and Boroughs and Districts of Burghs in the United Kingdom, to be made up in the following Form, with a Summary, to be added to the Return ordered on the 19th day of June:—

Amount of Duty Charged as Property and Income Tax under Schedules					Amount of Duty charged on Inhabited Houses.
A.	B.	D.	E.	Total Sum Charged.	

Sheriff Substitutes (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Sheriff Substitutes in *Scotland,* showing the Amounts awarded to each by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury as Compensation for loss of Bankruptcy Fees under the Act 40 and 41 *Vic.* c. 50, s. 12, giving, firstly, those to whom full Compensation has been awarded; secondly, those to whom less than full Compensation has been awarded, with the grounds in each case for making the reduction; and, thirdly, those to whom no Compensation has been awarded, with the grounds why; the Return to give also the respective present Salaries of the Sheriff Substitutes, with the Dates when such Salaries were respectively last fixed.

Ordered,

Public Works Loan Commissioners (Transactions.) No. 273.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Transactions of the Public Works Loan Commissioners to the 31st day of March 1879, in Form annexed:—

Amount issued to the Commissioners from 1817 to 1879.	Nature of Advances.	Amount Advanced to the 31st day of March 1879.	Rate of Interest Charged.	Nature of Security.	Principal Repaid to the 31st day of March 1879.	Estimated Amount of Principal Lost.		Principal Outstanding and Recoverable.
						Remitted or about to be Remitted.	Doubtful Debts.	

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *South Shields* Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Furness Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Furness* Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the South Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Manchester, Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bridport Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Bridport* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Parliamentary Burghs (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Parliamentary Burghs (*Scotland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ayr Harbour Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Ayr* Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 147 (Apprehension of deserters or absentees without leave).

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 21, to leave out from the word "constable" to the word "person," in l. 22, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 254.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Rylands*: } 62.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

Tuesday, 8*th July*, 1879:

Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Sir *Charles Dilke*: } 36.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 250.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill.

The Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Loans Remission Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Loans Remission Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Customs Buildings Bill.

The Customs Buildings Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Highways Accounts (Returns) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

The

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (£.5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£.5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 234.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Slave Trade (East African Courts) Bill.

The Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) [Salary and Pension.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) [Salary and Pension].

(In the Committee).

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Deputy Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and of a Retiring Allowance to *William Pitt Dundas*, Esquire, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to make provision in regard to the Office of Lord Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

County Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant July.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Juries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rivers Conservancy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant July.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Cork* Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman, do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Children's Dangerous Performances Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Employment of child in dangerous performances prohibited).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out from the word "pounds," to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words "And where in the course of a public exhibition," stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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PRAYERS.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The *Liverpool* Lighting Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to make further provision for the Lighting of the Borough of *Liverpool*, and to extend the Powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough in relation to the supply of Light by Electricity, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Leitrim Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Leitrim* Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Bann* Navigation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Seventeenth Report.

Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Order by the Local Government Board of *Ireland*, and approved by the Lords Justices, for Assessment of the several Unions in *Ireland* for the purposes of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Saving Life at Sea.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Saving Life at Sea.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 235.

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill) (Special Report.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Special Report which, upon the 7th day of this instant July, was made from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills. relative to the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. *Charles E. Grissell* do attend this House, To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the Special Report from the Committee "on Group A. of Private Bills be referred to a "Select Committee," instead thereof.

And

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the Special Report from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills be referred to a Select Committee" be added, instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

Ordered, That the Special Report from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills be referred to a Select Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 147 (Apprehension of deserters or absentees without leave).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 22, after the word "person," to insert the words "provided he can identify such person as a "deserter."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 79, l. 22, after the word "person," to insert the words "provided he is personally known to being a "deserter."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 148 (Penalty on trafficking in commissions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 81, l. 8, after the word "shall," to insert the words "if an officer, "on conviction by court martial, be dismissed the "service, and."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to add at the end thereof the words "if not "an officer."

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 149 (Penalty on purchasing from soldiers regimental necessaries, equipments, stores, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 81, l. 24, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "igno-"rance," in l. 25 inclusive, in order to insert the words "if it be proved either that he acted with a "knowledge."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 81, l. 26, after the word "or," to insert the words "if it be "proved."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 82, l. 15, to leave out from the word "jurisdiction," to the word "jurisdiction," in l. 21, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 83, l. 2, to leave out from the word "colony" to the word "otherwise," in l. 3, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 150, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 151 (Liability to military law in respect of status).

Amendment proposed, in p. 83, l. 20, to leave out from the word "offence," to the word "enlist-"ment," in l. 21, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 152 (Liability to military law in respect of place of commission of offence).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided, That the rules of "military and martial law in the place where the "crime is committed be the same as those pre-"vailing in the place where the court martial has "been commenced and sits."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 153 (Liability to military law in respect of time for trial of offences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 84, l. 5, to leave out the words "three years," in order to insert the words "one year."

Question, That the words "three years" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 84, l. 14, to leave out from the word "years" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 154, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 155 (Regulations as to evidence).

Amendment proposed, in p. 85, l. 17, to leave out the words "purporting to be."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 156 and N° 157, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 158 (Prosecution of offences, and recovery and application of fines).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 88, l. 3, to leave out from the word "applicable" to the word "informer," in l. 6, inclusive.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	184.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Parnell*, Sir *Charles Dilke*:	97.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 159 and N° 160, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 161 (Protection of persons acting under Act).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 89, l. 29, to leave out from the word "thereof" to the word "action," in l. 39, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 162 to N° 165, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Loans Remission Bill.

The Public Loans Remission Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence

Customs Buildings Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs Buildings Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill.

The Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) [Salary and Pension.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) [Salary and Pension], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary of the Deputy Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and of a Retiring Allowance to *William Pitt Dundas*, Esquire, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to make provision in regard to the Office of Lord Clerk Register of *Scotland*, and for other purposes.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill. Bill 236.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

The *Cork* Borough Quarter Sessions Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To morrow.

Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal (No. 2) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Bill, without any Amendment.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Queenstown* Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Bill, without any Amendment.

London Bridge Bill.

The Lords request, That this House will be pleased to give leave to Sir *James Clarke Lawrence*, Baronet, Sir *Edward William Watkin*, and Mr. Alderman *William James Richmond Cotton*, Members of this House, to attend, in order to their being examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships, in the present Session of Parliament, on the *London* Bridge Bill.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Freiston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Bill; That in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 13th day of June last, it was proved to the Committee that the Promoters of the Bill have deposited plans and sections with a book of reference thereto, of the alteration proposed by the Bill, in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and with the Clerk of the Peace for the Parts of *Holland*, in the County of *Lincoln*, and that Notices of the intention to make the proposed alteration had been published once in the *London Gazette*, and for three successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the County of *Lincoln*, and that application in writing was made to the owners, lessees and occupiers of lands through which the alteration is to be made, and that their consents had been obtained, except in the case of the Commissioners of Sewers of *Boston* and District, but it was proved to the Committee that the only right (if any) the Commissioners had was an easement for the purpose of drainage which they had not yet exercised; that the meetings of such Commissioners only took place once in every three months, and at the meeting in May last it appeared that the Commissioners were favourable to the Bill.

Mr.

Mr. *Raikes* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Committee on the *Sharpness* New Docks and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Bill; That a Report from the Local Government Board upon the Bill, and the objects thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them, but that the Bill as submitted to them did not appear to require further Amendment.

Mr. *Mowbray* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Commerce and Agriculture.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is desirable that those functions of the Executive Government which especially relate to Commerce and Agriculture should be administered by a distinct Department, under the direction of a Principal Secretary of State, who shall be a Member of the Cabinet;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "under the "direction of a Principal Secretary of State, who "shall be a Member of the Cabinet."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *M'Lagan*: } 71.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 65.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Sampson Lloyd*, Mr. *M'Lagan*: } 76.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 56.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That it is desirable that those functions of the Executive Government which especially relate to Commerce and Agriculture should be administered by a distinct Department, under the direction of a Principal Secretary of State, who shall be a Member of the Cabinet.

Turnpike Acts Continuance.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts, and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. *Salt* and Mr. *Sclater-Booth* do prepare, and bring it in.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Commons Act, 1876": And that Mr. *Mundella*, Mr. *Walpole*, Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*, and Sir *Henry Peek* do prepare, and bring it in.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in regard to the Restoration of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Giles*, in the City of *Edinburgh*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Doubts as to the applicability of certain Acts of Parliament to the *Channel Islands*: And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Occupation Roads.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Persons interested therein to co-operate for the making, improving, and maintaining of Occupation Roads and Ways in *England*: And that Mr. *Pell*, Sir *Thomas Acland*, and Mr. *Rodwell* do prepare, and bring it in.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Powers of School Boards in relation to Industrial Schools: And that Sir *Matthew Ridley* and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill. Bill 237.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to remove Doubts as to the applicability of certain Acts of Parliament to the *Channel Islands*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill. Bill 238.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to make provision in regard to the Restoration of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Giles*, in the City of *Edinburgh*:—And the same was read the first time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill. [Bill 239.

Mr. *Salt* presented a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts, and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill. Bill 240.

Mr. *Mundella* presented a Bill to amend "The Commons Act, 1876": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Occupation Roads Bill. Bill 241.

Mr. *Pell* presented a Bill to enable persons interested therein to co-operate for the making, improving, and maintaining of Occupation Roads and Ways in *England*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill. Bill 242.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the powers of School Boards in relation to Industrial Schools: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions. Vide Eighteenth Report.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

London School Board. No. 274.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *London* School Board, which was presented upon the 23rd day of June last, be printed.

Select Committees on Public Business. No. 275.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Select Committees on Public Business, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant July, be printed.

Saving Life at Sea. No. 276.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Saving Life at Sea, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant July, be printed.

Army (Aldershot) (Field States of Cavalry Brigade.)

Colonel *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Army (*Aldershot*) (Field States of Cavalry Brigade).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Select Committee on Privilege (*Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee), was nominated of Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Dodson*, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Gray*, and Mr. *Pemberton*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Onslow*: } 165.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Birley*: } 162.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Teachers Organisation and Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers Organization and Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant July.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ulster Tenant Right (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Ulster* Tenant Right (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Glasgow Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present

present Parliament for the City of *Glasgow*, in the room of *Alexander Whitelaw*, Esquire, deceased.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported the Grand Junction Canal Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported from the Committee on the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 11th day of March last, Sub-section (A.) of Clause 7 (proposed new Road at *Dundalk*) has been struck out of the Bill, and provision has been inserted in the Bill prohibiting the Company in altering any Bridges under the powers conferred by Clauses 6 and 8 from increasing the gradients of any road carried by such bridges over the Railway.

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by adding a recital as to the amount now existing of "Arbitration B Debenture Stock" of the *Newry* and *Armagh* Railway Company, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Merchant Ships (Casualties) "Gipsy Queen." No. 277.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Papers relating to the case of *G. A. Chaddock*, Master of the *British* Ship "*Gipsy Queen*."

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Wine Duties. No. 278.

Mr. *Cartwright* reported from the Select Committee on Wine Duties; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the West *Donegal* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 10*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Furness Railway Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Furness* Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Bridport Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Bridport* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

British Fisheries Society (Pulteney Harbour, &c.) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *British* Fisheries Society (*Pulteney* Harbour, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London, Brighton*, and South Coast, and South Eastern Railway Companies Bill be taken into consideration this day three months.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Manchester, Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Sclater-Booth*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Coroners Bill (Special Report.) No. 279.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* reported from the Select Committee to whom the Coroners Bill was referred; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to report to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

(Report on Bill.) Bill 243.

Sir *Matthew Ridley* also reported from the Select Committee to whom the Coroners Bill was referred; That they had considered the said Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had agreed to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* reported from the Select Committee on the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of 27th June 1879, Notices of the object of the Bill have been published once in the "*London Gazette*," and in three successive weeks in the "*Hampshire Advertiser*," one of the Newspapers of the County of *Southampton*; that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made verbal Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eighteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Prisons (Middlesex and Surrey.) No. 280.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Prisons (*Middlesex* and *Surrey*), which was presented upon the 20th day of May last, be printed.

London School Board. No. 281.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *London* School Board, which was presented upon the 9th day of June last, be printed.

Army (Brigade Depôts.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of May last, for a Return relative to the Army (Brigade Depôts).

Military Savings Banks.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Amount due by the Public to Depositors in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1877, and of the Receipts, Interests, and Disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on the 31st March 1878, including the Amount due on account of Army Charitable Funds; and of the subsequent Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements on account thereof, to the 31st March 1878:——Also, an Account of the Sums paid over by the Secretary of State for War to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for investment in Bank Annuities on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks; and of the Dividend reported to the Secretary of State for War by the said Commissioners to have been received thereon, and invested in further aid of the Fund for the Military Savings Banks.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Banks.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of June last, for a Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks.

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 2nd July 1879, awarding Special Retired Allowances to *Thomas Davis*, Hired Hammerman, *Cape of Good Hope*, and *Tristram Armstrong*, First Class Warder at *Spike Island* Convict Prison.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions (Seventeenth Report.)

Lord *Arthur Russell* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th days of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Poor Removal. No. 282.

Mr. *Salt* reported from the Select Committee on Poor Removal; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 166 (Persons subject to military law as officers).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 92, l. 12, to leave out from the word "forces" to the word "colony," in l. 15, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 92, l. 28, after the word "*India*," to insert the words "subjecting him to military law."

Question, That those words be there inserted——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 92, l. 30, to leave out from the word "seas" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again, in order that a question may be raised in the House, as to notes being taken by a person, not being a Member of the House, in the Side Gallery——put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Minutes of Proceedings in Committee.

Mr. *Sullivan*, Member for *Louth*, submitted to Mr. Speaker, whether it was in order for anyone, not a Member, to be making notes or records of the Proceedings in the Side Gallery, and asked by whose authority, and for what purposes such notes were being taken;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker made the following Statement to the House:—

The House is aware that, according to the Orders and practice of the House, Minutes of our Proceedings are taken from day to day. These Minutes are published under the title of the Votes and Proceedings of the House. It having lately come to my notice that there had been great and unexpected delay in the progress of the Army Discipline Bill in Committee, I, on my own responsibility, and for my own information, desired that Minutes should be taken of the Proceedings on that Bill of a more full character than those which are taken from day to day. Those Minutes have no reference whatever to any particular Member or body of Members of this House, and they are fair and impartial Reports of the Proceedings of this House.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment again proposed, in p. 92, l. 30, to leave out from the word "seas" to the end of the Clause.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again, in order to report to the House that an Official of the House is engaged in taking notes of the Proceedings of the Committee, without the authority of the House or of the Committee, from a place reserved for Members of the House, and that in consequence the Proceedings of the Committee are interfered with——put, and negatived.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "all civil officers "who may be employed by or act under the "Secretary of State for War at any of Her Majesty's establishments in the Islands of *Jersey*, "*Guernsey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, and the "Islands thereto belonging, or at foreign stations."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 167 (Persons subject to military law as soldiers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 92, l. 36, after the word "all," to insert the words "non-commissioned officers and."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 93, l. 25, to leave out from the word "force" to the word "and," in l. 31, inclusive.

Question, That the first word, "Where," stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 93, l. 34, to leave out from the word "forces" to the word "and," in l. 41, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words "when they" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 93, l. 42, after the word "service," to insert the words "Provided, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of any volunteer force, except "when on actual military service, to obtain the "consent of every non-commissioned officer and "man belonging to such force, before such non-commissioned officer or man shall enter on any "service in which he shall be subject to military "law."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "consent," to insert the words "in writing."

Question put, That the words "in writing" be inserted in the proposed Amendment;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Sir *Alexander Gordon*:	66.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	206.

Question, That the words "Provided, That it "shall be the duty of the commanding officer of "any volunteer force, except when on actual "military service, to obtain the consent of every "non-commissioned officer and man belonging to "such force, before such non-commissioned officer "or man shall enter on any service in which he "shall be subject to military law," be inserted after the word "service"——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 94, l. 3, to leave out from the word "all" to the word "law," in l. 6, both inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 94, l. 6, to leave out from the word "and" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words "All persons not "otherwise subject to Military Law" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 168, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 169, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 170 (Modification of Act with respect to Her Majesty's *India* forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 98, l. 9, to leave out from the word "*India*" to the word "serving," in l. 11, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 98, l. 24, to leave out from the word "governor" to the word "mentioned," in l. 30, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 171, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 172 (Special provisions as to warrant officers).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 100, l. 34, to leave out the words "to be reduced to the "ranks, or."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 173 (Special provisions as to non-commissioned officer).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 101, l. 21, to leave out the words "or to the ranks."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 174 (Special provisions as to application of Act to persons not belonging to Her Majesty's forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 102, l. 5, after the word "forces," to insert the words "but who is "serving in a subordinate capacity with such "forces."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 175 to N° 177, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 178, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 179, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 180 (Interpretation of terms).

Amendment proposed, in p. 104, l. 31, after the word "schoolmaster," to insert the words, "the "expression 'in the execution of his office,' as "applied to an officer or non-commissioned officer "means, whenever he is with his regiment, or "with any regiment to which he may be attached "for duty, or with any part thereof respectively."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 106, l. 22, after the word "country," to insert the words "except in the Isle of *Cyprus* in time of peace."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words "the expression 'year' shall be taken to mean calendar year."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 21st day of this instant July.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Slave Trade (East African Courts) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Customs Buildings Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Customs Buildings Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, no justifica-" tion is shown in this Bill for the large expenses " incurred by the Metropolitan Board of Works " in the preparation and in the abortive promotion " of the two Bills for which they ask an indemnity " from Parliament," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *James M'Garel-Hogg*, Mr. *Onslow*: } 37.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Monk*, Sir *David Wedderburn*: } 12.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Patents for Inventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents for Inventions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Married Women's Property (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Property (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Children's Dangerous Performances Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Employment of child in dangerous performances prohibited).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out from the word "pounds" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 4 and N° 5, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

East Indian Railway [Redemption of Annuities.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to create and issue Capital Stock in the United Kingdom in exchange for so much of the Annuity created for the purchase of the Undertaking of the *East Indian* Railway Company, and charged upon the Revenues of *India*, as may be purchased by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to the *East Indian* Railway;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 11*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Queenstown Gas Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Queenstown* Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Sharpness New Docks, and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Sharpness* New Docks, and *Gloucester* and *Birmingham* Navigation Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Private Bills [*Lords*] (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders are applicable, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Saint Giles Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eighteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Army (Brigade Depôts.) No. 283.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Brigade Depôts), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Military Savings Banks. No. 284.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Military Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Post Office Savings Banks. No. 285.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Local Government Board (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Local Government Board for *Ireland*, being the Seventh Report under the "Local Government Board (*Ireland*) Act," 35 & 36 *Vic.* c. 69, with Appendices.

Gaols (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of May last, for Returns relative to Gaols (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Postal Service (India, &c.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of May last, for Returns relative to the Postal Service (*India*, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings in Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That any Report or Record of the Proceedings of this House, or of a Committee of the whole House, made, taken, or kept by officials of this House as an official act or otherwise without the previous order or sanction or knowledge of the House, and for purposes not revealed to the House, other than the Notes or Minute of the Orders and Proceedings of the House, or of the Committee of the whole House, taken at the Table by the Clerk or the Clerk Assistant, is without precedent in the customs and usages of Parliament;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "Notice having been taken while the "House was in Committee, of the presence in "one of the side Galleries of a gentleman engaged "in taking notes of the proceedings of the Committee; and Mr. Speaker having informed the "House that the gentleman was an officer of the "House, and was so employed under his direction, "and that the notes taken by him were for the "confidential information of the Speaker, this "House is of opinion that Mr. Speaker was justified in the directions given by him, and is "entitled to the support and confidence of this "House," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Connor Power*:	29.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	421.

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being Seven of the clock, further Proceeding stood adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resumed the said further Proceeding.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Notice having been taken while the House "was in Committee, of the presence in one of the "side Galleries of a gentleman engaged in taking "notes of the proceedings of the Committee; and "Mr. Speaker having informed the House that "the gentleman was an officer of the House, and "was so employed under his direction, and that "the

"the notes taken by him were for the confidential "information of the Speaker, this House is of "opinion that Mr. Speaker was justified in the "directions given by him, and is entitled to the "support and confidence of this House," be added, instead thereof.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the first words "this House," to the end of the said proposed Amendment, in order to add the words "declares that the practice of this House prescribes "that the Clerk Assistant do not take any notes "here without the precedent directions and com-"mands of the House, but only of the Orders and "Reports made in the House, and that the entry "of the Clerk of particular men's speeches was "without warrant at all times," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:* } 292.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *O'Sullivan:* } 24.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Notice having been taken while the House was "in Committee, of the presence in one of the side "Galleries of a gentleman engaged in taking "notes of the proceedings of the Committee; and "Mr. Speaker having informed the House that "the gentleman was an officer of the House, and "was so employed under his direction, and that "the notes taken by him were for the confidential "information of the Speaker, this House is of "opinion that Mr. Speaker was justified in the "directions given by him, and is entitled to the "support and confidence of this House," be added to the word "That," in the original Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That Notice having been taken while the House was in Committee, of the presence in one of the side Galleries of a gentleman engaged in taking notes of the proceedings of the Committee; and Mr. Speaker having informed the House that the gentleman was an officer of the House, and was so employed under his direction, and that the notes taken by him were for the confidential information of the Speaker, this House is of opinion that Mr. Speaker was justified in the directions given by him, and is entitled to the support and confidence of this House.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 12*th July*, 1879:

Elementary Schools (Ireland.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considering the very large proportion of "untrained Teachers in charge of Elementary "Schools in *Ireland*, and the recommendations of "the Royal Commission on Primary Education "which reported in 1868, it is desirable that steps "should be immediately taken by Her Majesty's "Government to give effect to the Resolution in "regard to Grants to Training Schools adopted "by the Board of National Education in *Ireland* "in December 1874," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:* } 64.

Tellers for the Noes, { The *O'Conor Don*, Mr. *Errington:* } 48.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs Buildings Bill.

The Customs Buildings Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of theclock.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill.

The Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Slave Trade (East African Courts) Bill.

The Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East Indian Railway [Redemption of Annuities.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East Indian* Railway [Redemption of Annuities];

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Malta (Occupation of Inhabitants.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Inhabitants of *Malta*, based upon the last Census, showing their Occupation and Profession, under the following Heads, *viz.*, Nobles; Landowners; Professions; Clergy; Persons employed in Agriculture; Persons employed in Commerce and Trade; Artificers and Labourers; Persons in any other Employ; and, Persons having no Occupation.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Sevenoaks Railway Purchase) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London, Chatham,* and *Dover* Railway (*Sevenoaks* Railway Purchase) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Belfast Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Belfast* Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Severn and Wye Railway and Canal, and Severn Bridge Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the *Severn* and *Wye* Railway and Canal, and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Bill, without any Amendment.

Land Titles and Transfer.

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on Land Titles and Transfer, together with the Minutes of Evidence, &c.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Railway Bills (Group 12.)

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported from the Committee on Group 12 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of the parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 28th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 14*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Bann* Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grand Junction Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West *Donegal* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighteenth Report.

East India (Telegraphic Communications.) No. 286.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Telegraphic Communications), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

Savings Banks.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to Savings Banks.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

East Indian Army.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of December last, for a Return relative to the *East Indian* Army.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Uruguay (No. 1, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Protocol respecting the Renewal of Diplomatic Relations between *Great Britain* and the Oriental Republic of *Uruguay*, signed at *Montevideo*, 29th April 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade (Foreign Countries and British Possessions.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and *British* Possessions, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Urban Sanitary Districts.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of May last, for a Return relative to Urban Sanitary Districts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Navy Accounts (Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, 1877-8.) No. 287.

Ordered, That there be laid befor this House, a Return of Balance Sheet and detailed Accounts of Shipbuilding and other Dockyard Transactions in the financial year 1877-8; showing for each of the Home Dockyards, and for the Foreign Yards, &c., the Amount paid out of the Votes for Dockyard Services, as *per* Statement of Surpluses and Deficits, and its Appropriation to the Building, Completion, and Maintenance of Her Majesty's Ships; together with the Accounts showing also the Value of Lands and Buildings, and Stock of Timber and Stores at the beginning and end of the year in the Home Yards and those Foreign Yards from which Expense Accounts have been received, and the Amounts received and expended in connection with other Services than those provided for in the Dockyard Votes (prepared, as far as practicable, in pursuance of the Recommendation of the Select Committee on Admiralty Moneys and Accounts of the 27th day of July 1868).

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Navy Accounts (Manufactures and Repairs in Dockyards, 1877-8.) No. 288.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Balance Sheet showing the Cost of Manufacturing and Repairing Articles on Conversion at the several Dockyards and Factories in the financial year 1877-8.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Navy Accounts (Surpluses and Deficits, 1877-8.) No. 289.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Retabulation of the Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Naval Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1878.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Navy (Victualling Accounts, 1877-8.) No. 290.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Naval, Victualling, Valuation, Expense, and Manufacturing Accounts for the financial year 1877-8.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Stamped Forms (Scotland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number and Description of Forms sent from the various Distributors of Stamps in the Divisions in *Scotland*, stated below, to the Stamp Office at *Edinburgh* for the purpose of being stamped, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1879:—

	Inland Revenue.	Bills of Lading.	Bills.	Deeds.	Sea Policies.	Companies' Registration.	Total.	Remarks.
I.								
1. From the City of *Edinburgh* and *Leith*, year to 31st March 1879 - - - - - - - - -								
2. From the Counties of *Edinburgh*, *Linlithgow*, *Haddington*, *Berwick*, *Roxburgh*, *Selkirk*, *Peebles*, and *Fife*, not including City of *Edinburgh* and *Leith*, year to 31st March 1879 - - - - - - - - -								
Division I. Total - - - -								
II.								
1. From the City of *Glasgow*, year to 31st March 1879 -								
2. From the Counties of *Lanark*, *Stirling*, *Dumbarton*, *Argyle*, *Bute*, *Renfrew*, *Ayr*, *Dumfries*, *Kirkcudbright*, and *Wigton*, not including City of *Glasgow*, year to 31st March 1879 - - - - - - - - -								
Division II. Total - - -								
III. From the remainder of *Scotland*, north of *Forth* and *Tay*,—year to 31st March 1879								
Division III. Total - - - -								
Total of *Scotland* - - - - - - -								

Navy (Coal, &c.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Experiments made by the Admiralty on Coal and Patent Fuel since the date of the last Return, 15th August 1878.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Treasury Minute appointing a Committee in the year 1878 to report, amongst other matters, as to the best manner of giving effect to the provisions of the fifteenth section of "The County Officers and Courts (*Ireland*) Act, 1877":——And, of the Report of such Committee.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Lord *Francis Conyngham* have leave of absence till the end of the Session, on account of ill health.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Partnership Bill.

Ordered, That the Partnership Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Orders of the Day

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the remainder of the Session, Orders of the Day have precedence of Notices of Motions upon Tuesdays, Government Orders having priority; and that Government Orders have priority upon Wednesdays;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "except in the case of Bills which stand for Consideration, as amended, or Third Reading."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, for the remainder of the Session, Orders of the Day have precedence of Notices of Motions upon Tuesdays, Government Orders having priority; and that Government Orders have priority upon Wednesdays.

Deaths by Drowning.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Deaths by Drowning in the Inland Waters of the United Kingdom during the year 1878; distinguishing Men, Women, and Children, and also whether the Deaths occurred—1. In Rivers or Running Water; 2. In Canals; 3. Lakes or Ponds; and, 4. In Docks (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 374, of Session 1878).

Agricultural Distress.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 4th day of this instant July, relative to Agricultural Distress, had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address, praying that a Commission may be issued to inquire into the depressed condition of the Agricultural Interest and the causes to which it is owing, whether those causes are of a temporary or permanent character, and how far they have been created or can be remedied by legislation, and I have given directions that a Commission shall issue for this purpose in accordance with your request.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day which are appointed for To-morrow, at Two of the clock, be deferred till To-morrow.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 3 (Division of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after "Part I," to insert the words "definitions and."

Question, That those words be there inserted——put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 69 (Power of Her Majesty to make rules of procedure).

Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 22, to leave out the words "and constituting."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 24, to leave out the words "The procedure to be observed in trials by court-martial."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 31, to leave out the words "Any matter in this Act directed to be prescribed.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Whenever a court of inquiry is assembled to investigate any matter affecting the conduct or character of an officer or soldier, such officer or soldier shall be entitled to receive a copy of any opinion which may be delivered by such court."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always, That any officer or soldier shall have the same right of challenge on a court of inquiry as on a court-martial."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *Monk*: } 50.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 165.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 72, disagreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 87 (Delivery of soldier on discharge with his wife or child at workhouse, or of dangerous lunatic at asylum).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always, That the guardians of the poor of the union or parish upon which the cost of maintaining such lunatic or his wife or child devolves, shall be entitled to receive from the War Office the cost so incurred from time to time for the support of such person or persons."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment to add, at the end thereof, the words "Provided that the soldier shall have been more than three years in the service."

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the words "Provided always, That the guardians of the poor of the union or parish upon which the cost of maintaining such lunatic or his wife or child devolves, shall be entitled to receive from the War Office the cost so incurred from time to time for the support of such person or persons, provided that the soldier shall have been more than three years in the service" be added at the end of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Major *Nolan*: } 64.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 193.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSE, N° 128 (Provision in case of insane persons).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 68, l. 41, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 69, l. 5, to

to leave out from the word "imprisonment" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause—

(Provost marshal.)

(For the prompt repression of all irregularities and crimes which may be committed abroad, provost marshals, with assistants, may from time to time be appointed by the general order of the general officer commanding a body of forces.

A provost marshal or his assistants may, at any time, arrest and detain for trial persons subject to military law committing offences, and may also carry into execution any punishments to be inflicted in pursuance of a court-martial, but shall not inflict any punishment of his or their own authority.

A provost marshal attached to any forces on active service, or any of his assistants, may make a complaint to any officer in immediate command of any detachment or portion of such body of forces, against any person subject to military law who has committed any offence; and if, in the opinion of such officer, it is not practicable, having due regard to the public service, that such offence should be tried by an ordinary court-martial, it shall be lawful for him (although not authorised to convene a general court-martial) to convene a field general court-martial, and such court may try summarily the person so charged, and award punishment for his offence, and the sentence of the court shall be valid, and may be carried into effect if a sentence of capital punishment, when confirmed by the general or field officer commanding the force of which such detachment or portion forms part, and if not capital when confirmed by any general or field officer in such force)——brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 2, after the word "abroad" to insert the words "on active "service."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 7, after the word "punishments" to insert the words "autho- "rised by this Act."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 7, to leave out the words "in pursuance," in order to insert the words "by sentence."

Question, That the words "in pursuance" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 8, after the word "authority," to insert the words "on any "soldier."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 20, after the word "officer," to insert the words "when "general officer is near."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "and records of such "field general courts-martial shall be kept as pro- "vided in this Act for garrison courts-martial."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "If three officers "cannot be assembled for such trial the field "court-martial convened for a summary trial "under this section may consist of two officers, or, "if there be only one officer with a detachment of "troops, that officer may alone exercise the powers "of a field court-martial as above. If there be no "provost marshal with a detachment of troops on "active service the officer in command may order "any person to be tried in the same way as if "complaint had been made by a provost marshal. "If there be no field officer present with the "detachment the officer in immediate command "may confirm the sentence, not being a sentence "of death, subject to revision at any time by the "general officer in command."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

Another Clause—

(Power of Her Majesty to make articles of war.)

(It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to make articles of war for the better government of officers and soldiers, and such articles shall be judicially taken notice of by all judges and in all courts whatsoever: Provided, That no person shall, by such articles of war, be subject to suffer any punishment extending to life or limb, or to be kept in penal servitude, except for crimes which are by this Act expressly made liable to such punishment as aforesaid, or be subject, with reference to any crimes made punishable by this Act, to be punished in any manner which does not accord with the provisions of this Act)——brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 2, after the word "soldiers," to insert the words "not inconsistent "with the provisions of this Act."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 5, to leave out the words "extending to life or limb, or to be "kept in penal servitude."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton:*	95.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Rylands:*	52.

Clause agreed to, and added.

Another Clause (Council of war)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Another Clause added.

Another Clause (Trial for offence to take place within three months of commission)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Redress of wrongs)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progrsss in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Juries (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Coroners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coroners (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Servants (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 6 to N° 19, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 20 (Power of local authority to make bye-laws for regulation of dwelling-houses).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "A bye-law under this Act, and "any

"any alteration made therein, and any repeal of "a bye-law, shall not be of any validity until it "has been submitted to and confirmed by one of "Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, "in case of the Metropolis, or by the Local Go-"vernment Board in the case of all other places."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Rowland Winn*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 32.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Leeman*, Mr. *Monk*: } 17.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 21 (Expenses of local authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 37, to leave out the words "three pence," in order to insert the words "one penny," instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "three pence" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Torrens*, Mr. *Ashley*: } 14.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Monk*: } 32.

Question put, That the words "one penny" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Monk*: } 15.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Torrens*, Mr. *Ashley*: } 31.

Question, That the word "two pence" be there inserted — put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 22 (Loan from Public Works Loan Commissioners).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 16, to leave out the words "and also by a mortgage of the local "rate."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Torrens*, Mr. *Ashley*: } 28.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Pell*, Colonel *Makins*: } 16.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 22, to leave out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "twenty-one."

Question, That the word "seven" stand part of the Clause — put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 23, agreed to.

The First Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 17 (third column) after the word "vestry" to insert the word "or."

Question proposed, That the word "or" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

The Second Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Children's Dangerous Performances Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 28th day of this instant July.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Omnibus Regulation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Omnibus Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to create and issue Capital Stock in the United Kingdom in exchange for so much of the Annuity created under "The *East Indian* Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879," and thereby made chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, as may be purchased by the Secretary of State under that Act: And that Mr. *Edward Stanhope* and Lord *George Hamilton* do prepare, and bring it in.

Merchant Service. No. 291.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number, Ages, Ratings, and Causes of Death of Seamen reported to the Board of Trade during the year 1878 as having died in the *British* Merchant Service (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 322, of Session 1878).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill. Bill 244.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill to enable the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to create and issue Capital Stock in the United Kingdom in exchange for so much of the Annuity created under "The *East Indian* Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879," and thereby made chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, as may be purchased by

by the Secretary of State under that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

County Boards Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the County Boards Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Rivers Conservancy Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Rivers Conservancy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

County Courts (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the County Courts (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Patents for Inventions (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Criminal Code (Indictable Offences) (re-committed) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Privilege (*Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee) have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Sugar Industries.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Sugar Industries have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders have leave to sit this day till half-past Four of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Railway Bills (Group 12.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 12 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Belfast Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Belfast* Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Sevenoaks Railway Purchase) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London, Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (*Sevenoaks* Railway Purchase) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Croesor and Portmadoc Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Croesor* and *Portmadoc* Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order made upon the 19th day of June last, That the *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill be read the third time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.

Leitrim Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Leitrim* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Tring* Poor's Land Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, as submitted to, and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Eighteenth Report.

Savings Banks. No. 292.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant July, be printed.

Penal Servitude Acts Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the working of the Penal Servitude Acts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Grain and Flour.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to Grain and Flour.

Life Assurance Companies.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statements and Abstracts of Reports deposited with the Board of Trade, under "The Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870," for the year ended 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Building Societies.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of June last, for a Return relative to Building Societies.

Caledonian Canal.

No. 293.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Seventy-fourth Report of the Commissioners of the *Caledonian* Canal.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

That, in the case of the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that Notices of the objects of the Bill be published twice in the "*London Gazette*" and once in two successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the county of *Middlesex*; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Medical Officers (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Names of the Parishes in each County in *Scotland:* 1. In which Salaried Medical Officers are appointed, and the conditions of the Medical Relief Grant administered by the Board of Supervision are complied with; 2. In which Salaried Medical Officers are appointed, but the conditions of the Medical Relief Grant are not complied with; 3. In which Medical Officers are appointed without Salary and are remunerated by a Fee for each Visit when called in by the Inspector of Poor; and 4. In which no Medical Officers are appointed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

Bill 245.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Limitation of corporal punishment)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Cumulative punishments)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Another Clause (A soldier shall not be sentenced to corporal punishment more than once in twelve months)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Otway:* } 37.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 65.

Another Clause (Instrument to be used)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Prisoner may be represented by legal adviser)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Sir *Charles Dilke:* } 87.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 186.

Another Clause (Power of Judge Advocate General to revise sentence)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

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Another Clause (Commentary on proceedings during trial)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added.

Another Clause (Duration of penal diet)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added

Another Clause (Purchase-money not to be forfeited unless court so directs)——brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Beirne*, Captain *Home:* } 45.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 135.

Another Clause added.

The First Schedule agreed to.

The Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

The Third Schedule and the Fourth Schedule agreed to.

A new Schedule added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill, be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c., Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]

The Children's Dangerous Performances Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for improving the Position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill. Bill 246.

Mr. *James Lowther* accordingly presented a Bill for improving the Position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 16*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

THE *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions. Vide Nineteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Grain and Flour. No. 210.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Grain and Flour, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Life Assurance Companies. No. 295.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Life Assurance Companies, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Building Societies. No. 296.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Building Societies, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

East Indian Railways.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to *East Indian* Railways.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Parochial Boards (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of May last, for a Return relative to Parochial Boards (*Scotland*).

Return

Bankrupts' Estates.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to Bankrupts' Estates.

Admiralty Courts (Belfast, &c.)

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of June last, for Returns relative to Admiralty Courts (*Belfast*, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Income Tax.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of March last, for a Return relative to Income Tax.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Local Taxation Returns (England.)

Mr. *Salt* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—The Annual Local Taxation Returns for the year 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Wormwood Scrubs Regulation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Wormwood Scrubs* Regulation Bill, without any Amendment.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Rotherham* Borough Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London Street Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *London* Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Upper Mersey Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the *Upper Mersey* Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

Belfast Central Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Belfast* Central Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Treferig Valley Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Treferig Valley* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Dublin (South) City Market Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Dublin* (South) City Market Bill, without any Amendment.

East and West India Dock Company Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *East* and *West India* Dock Company Bill, without any Amendment.

Cambridge Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the *Cambridge* Tramways (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;

And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill.

The Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Joint Stock Banks (Accounts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Joint Stock Banks (Accounts) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Animal Vaccination Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animal Vaccination Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Occupation Roads Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupation Roads Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Volunteer Corps (Ireland) Bill.

The Volunteer Corps (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Passenger Vessels Licensing (Scotland.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of amending the Law relating to the Traffic in Exciseable Liquors in Passenger Vessels plying between *Scottish* Ports:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Traffic in Exciseable Liquors in Passenger Vessels plying between *Scottish* Ports.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Traffic in Exciseable Liquors in Passenger Vessels plying between *Scottish* Ports:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Dr. *Cameron*, Lord *Colin Campbell*, Mr. *Dalrymple*, Mr. *James Stewart*, Mr. *Orr Ewing*, and Mr. *Grant* do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Goffin's Certificate.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relating to the Suspension of the Certificate of Mr. *Goffin* by the Science and Art Department:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Boord*, Mr. *Errington*, Lord *George Hamilton*, Lord *Francis Hervey*, Mr. *Lowe*, Mr. *Rodwell*, Mr. *Pell*, and Sir *Sydney Waterlow*; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.) No. 294.

Mr. *Walpole* reported from the Select Committee on Privilege (*Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee), to whom was referred the Special Report from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

County Prisons (Ireland) (Medical Officers.) No. 297.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the General Scale of Salaries for Medical Officers of County Prisons in *Ireland*, approved of by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and Copy of Circular Letter of 8th July 1879 to Surgeons of County Infirmaries acting as Medical Officers of Gaols.

Mr. *James Lowther* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Passenger Vessels Licensing (Scotland) Bill. Bill 247.

Dr. *Cameron* presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Traffic in Exciseable Liquors in Passenger Vessels plying between *Scottish* Ports; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

Sir *Julian Goldsmid* reported the *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 17*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Eighteenth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, and 15th days of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House,

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Bann* Navigation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Baxter*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Baxter*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Grand Junction Canal Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The West *Donegal* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Frieston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Frieston* Shore Reclamation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Bill.

Mr. *Backhouse* reported from the Committee on the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the recital relating to the uncompleted works on the Company's Railway, and to the consent of the existing debenture holders to make the same consistent with the facts as proved to the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Vide Nineteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Income Tax. No. 298.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Income Tax, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Local Taxation Returns (England.) No. 299.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Local Taxation Returns (*England*), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Limerick (Slaughter of Cattle.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of June last, for a Return relative to *Limerick* (Slaughter of Cattle).

Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Intermediate Education Board for *Ireland*, under the Intermediate Education (*Ireland*) Act, 1878, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Census.)

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Number of Petty Officers, Seamen, Stokers, Artificers, Domestics, Boys, Royal Marines, and others serving in the Royal Navy on the 1st day of January 1879, distinguishing the Married from the Single Men, and specifying, so far as can be ascertained, the Ages of the Wives of the former.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa*. (In continuation of [C. 2318] of May 1879.)

Canada.

Copy of Despatch from the Governor General of *Canada*, respecting the New Customs Tariffs. (In continuation of [C. 2305], April 1878.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to County Officers and Courts (*Ireland*).

Fishery Board (Scotland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Commissioners of the

the Fishery Board, *Scotland*, of their Proceedings in the year ended 31st December 1878, being for Fishing, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Bantry Union.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Correspondence between the Local Government Board, *Ireland*, and the Guardians of the *Bantry* Union, and others, relative to the creation in the Union of an additional Dispensary District:—— And, of the Report of the Inspector on the Subject.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Interments) Bill, without any Amendment.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for repealing certain Enactments relating to Civil Procedure which have ceased to be in force, or have become unnecessary, and for abolishing Outlawry in Civil Proceedings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

University Education (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to promote the advancement of Learning, and to extend the benefits connected with University Education in *Ireland*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

Ordered, That the Report from the Select Committee on Privilege (*Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee) be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Election Petitions.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Petitions complaining of undue Returns or undue Elections under the provisions of the Act 35 & 36 *Vic.* c. 33: —— And, of the Number which have been brought to Trial, specifying whether the Seat shall have been claimed or not; the Decisions of the Judges in each Case; and the Number of Cases in which the mode in which any particular Elector shall have voted has been disclosed.

Spirits (Foreign.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Gallons of Foreign Plain Spirits (commonly known as *German* Spirits) imported into *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland* during the year 1878, giving the Total Quantities imported into each Country, in separate Columns.

Mr. William Tayler.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Memorial presented to the Duke of *Argyll*, Secretary of State for *India*, on the 13th day of October 1868, by Mr. *William Tayler*, formerly Commissioner of *Patna*: —— And, of Despatch from Government of *India*, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. *William Tayler* to the Secretary of the Government of *Bengal*, dated the 3rd day of April 1858.

University Education (Ireland.) No. 300.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Resolution adopted by the Catholic Union of *Ireland* on the 12th day of June 1879, upon the subject of University Education in *Ireland*, lately forwarded to the Prime Minister.

Mr. *James Lowther* accordingly presented the said Paper,

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Navy (Ships Built.) No. 301.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Shipping Estimated for and Built from the year 1855-6 to the year 1878-9, and including also, in a Tabular Form, the Total Number of Tons in each year Estimated for, and the Total Built respectively in the Royal Dockyards and by Contract, and the Money voted in each year for Building, compared with the Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 245, of Session 1878).

Sir *Massey Lopes* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Bill for the Discipline and Regulation of "the Army will be satisfactory to this House which "provides for the permanent retention of corporal "punishment for Military offences," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	289.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Adam*, Lord *Kensington*:	183.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting after the word "enemy," the words "in such manner as to show cowardice."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant July, That the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 3 to N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 6 to N° 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Expenses of references held out of *London*)——brought up, and read the first and second time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 57.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Dillwyn*, Mr. *Benjamin Williams*: } 29.

Clause agreed to, and added.

Another Clause (Repeal of Section Seventy of "The Bankruptcy Act 1869," and substitution of new provisions)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Valuation of Lands and Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation of Lands and Assessments (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill.

The *East Indian* Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Occupation Roads Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupation Roads Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees' Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Metroplitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to bring into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879," and for other purposes: And that Mr. Secretary *Stanley*, Mr. Secretary *Cross*, Mr. *William Henry Smith*, and the Judge Advocate General do prepare, and bring it in.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods and Forests and Land Revenues to agree with the Conservators of the River *Thames* on the payments for Piers or Landing-places in or upon the Bed or Shore of the River *Thames:* And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. *Gerard Noel* do prepare, and bring it in.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill. Bill 248.

Mr. *William Henry Smith* presented a Bill to bring into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879," and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock; and to be printed.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill. Bill 249.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods and Forests and Land Revenues to agree with the Conservators of the River *Thames* on the payments for Piers or Landing-places in or upon the Bed or Shore of the River *Thames:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of rates for billeting and other expenses of troops on the march, in pursuance of the Provisions of any Act of the present Session for bringing into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879;"

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of the Salaries of the first Masters of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries and Pensions of Officers of the Supreme Court, as well as of Compensation for prejudice to any right or privilege which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

University Education (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*] Bill 250.

The University Education (*Ireland*) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Leitrim Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

THE *Leitrim* Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 12, by leaving out the words "if any."

And the Question being put, That the words "if any" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Nineteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Urban Sanitary Districts. No. 302.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Urban Sanitary Districts, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant July, be printed.

East Indian Railways. No. 303.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East Indian* Railways, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered,

Parochial Boards (Scotland.) No. 304.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Parochial Boards (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Limerick (Slaughter of Cattle.) No. 305.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Limerick* (Slaughter of Cattle), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. William Tayler.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Mr. *William Tayler*.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

County Treasurers' Fee Fund (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account in charge and discharge of the County Treasurers' Fee Fund in *Ireland* for the year ended 25th March 1879, pursuant to 1st *Vic.* c. 54.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 7, 1879) (Treaty of Berlin.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the execution of Article 23 of the Treaty of *Berlin*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Limerick (Slaughter of Cattle.) No. 306.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the *Limerick* Guardians and the Chief Secretary's Office on the subject of alleged irregularities with reference to certain Cattle officially reported on the 15th day of January 1879 to have been slaughtered in *Limerick*, and on the subject of the conduct of the Inspector of the Board of Guardians under "The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878," in connection therewith.

Mr. *James Lowther* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill (on consideration of the Bill as amended); and which Amendment was, in p. 2, l. 19, after the word "enemy," to insert the words "in such manner as to show cowardice";

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting at the end of the last Amendment, the words "by words or signs inducing his comrades to take flight."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "death," the words "Provided, That in the case of persons charged under sections two, six, and seven, serious loss to Her Majesty's forces has been proved to have been the consequence of this Act."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 35, by leaving out Sub-section 5 of Clause 5.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 5 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 223

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Edward Jenkins*: } 42.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting, after the word "or," the words "insubordination: Provided such reports are wilfully spread among troops in the field."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Tollemache Sinclair*, Mr. *Sullivan*: } 66.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 213.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting, after the word "or," the words "desertion: Provided, That the offence consists in spreading such reports in the vicinity or rear of the Army."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Dillwyn*: } 59.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 231.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by leaving out Sub-section 1 of Clause 6.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 1 stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by leaving out Sub-section 2 of Clause 6.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 2 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 245.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Sullivan*, Sir *Tollemache Sinclair*: } 17.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 8, by leaving out Sub-section 5 of Clause 6.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 5 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 233.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Parnell*: } 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 12, by leaving out Sub-section 6 of Clause 6.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 6 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 229.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Parnell*: } 12.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 16, by leaving out Sub-section 7 of Clause 6.

And the Question being put, That Sub-section 7 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 211.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Sullivan*: } 10.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned till this day.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant July, That the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Public Health (*Ireland*) Act, 1878, Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Rates for Billeting and other Expenses of Troops on the march, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session for bringing into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879."

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resumed the further Proceeding on consideration of the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 39, by inserting, at the end of Clause 6, the words "Every person subject "to military law who commits any of the following "offences (that is to say):—

(1.) By discharging firearms, drawing swords, beating drums, making signals, using words, or by any means whatever, negligently occasions false alarms in action, on the march, in the field, or elsewhere; or

(2.) Makes known the parole or watchword to any person not entitled to receive it; or, without good and sufficient cause, gives a parole or watchword different from what he received,

"shall on conviction by court-martial be liable, if "an officer, to be cashiered, or to suffer such less "punishment as is in this Act mentioned, and if a "soldier, to suffer imprisonment, or such less "punishment as is in this Act mentioned."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, by inserting after the word "imprisonment," the words "without hard labour."

And the Question being put, That the words "without hard labour" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Every person subject to military law who com-"mits any of the following offences (that is to "say):—

(1.) By discharging firearms, drawing swords, beating drums, making signals, using words, or by any means whatever, negligently occasions false alarms in action, on the march, in the field, or elsewhere; or

(2.) Makes known the parole or watchword to any person not entitled to receive it; or, without good and sufficient cause, gives a parole or watchword different from what he received,

"shall on conviction by court-martial be liable, if "an officer, to be cashiered, or to suffer such less "punishment as is in this Act mentioned, and if a "soldier, to suffer imprisonment, or such less "punishment as is in this Act mentioned," be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 25, by leaving out the words "whether on duty or not."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	82.
Tellers for the Noes,	Major *Nolan*, Sir *Tollemache Sinclair*:	25.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 33, by inserting, at the end of Clause 42, the words "Provided that, where "practicable, every person subject to military law "who commits any of the offences mentioned in "Schedule of this Bill shall be proceeded "against before a civil court of competent juris-"diction, and, on conviction, shall be punished in "accordance with the provisions of the statute or "statutes dealing with such offence."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 31, by leaving out the word "may," and inserting the words "shall when "practicable."

And the Question being put, That the word "may," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 20, by leaving out the words "in the case of officers."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "service," the words "except in *Cyprus* in "time of peace."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "days," the words "Provided, that no cor-"poral punishment shall be inflicted on soldiers "while in friendly occupation of a foreign country."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "custody," the words "Provided, That in "time of peace within the United Kingdom no "officer or soldier shall be kept in arrest and with-"out trial for a longer period than eight days, "without the written order of the Commander in "Chief expressing the grounds on which the con-"tinuation of the arrest and delay of trial are "ordered."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 4, by inserting, at the end of Clause 45, the words "A volunteer shall not be "liable to be sentenced by a court-martial under "any circumstances to the punishment of penal "servitude, imprisonment with hard labour, or "corporal punishment."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "the punishment of penal servitude, im-"prisonment with hard labour, or."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "a volunteer shall not be liable to be sentenced "by a court-martial under any circumstances to "corporal punishment," be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Henry Samuelson*:	60.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	143.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 4, by inserting, at the end of Clause 45, the words "A soldier shall not "be sentenced to corporal punishment more than "once in six months."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 4, by inserting, at the end of Clause 45, the words "The instrument to be used "in the infliction of corporal punishment shall be "a cat-o'-nine-tails according to the sealed pattern "approved by the First Lord of the Admiralty, "dated the seventh day of December, one thou-"sand eight hundred and seventy-seven, from the "Royal Marine Office, and endorsed *W. J. Rod-"ney*, D.A.G., but without knots."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 19*th July*, 1879:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out all the words after the words "shall be," in l. 1, to the word "but," in l. 5, inclusive.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "That the instrument to be used in the infliction "of corporal punishment shall be without knots," be inserted, instead thereof;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Callan*:	54.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	137.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 4, at the end of Clause 45, by inserting the words "Sentences of corporal "punishment shall be inflicted in manner directed "by rules to be issued by a Secretary of State, "and care shall be taken that the infliction of such "punishment shall not be continued after the skin "is broken or blood drawn, and that no flogging "in front is permitted, and that if the infliction of "a sentence of corporal punishment is stopped for "any cause before completion, it shall not be after-"wards completed."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out all the words after the word "State," to the end of the said proposed Amendment.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Sentences of corporal punishment shall be in-"flicted in manner directed by rules to be issued "by a Secretary of State," be added in p. 20, l. 4, at the end of Clause 45:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 32, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the words "not less than "five."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "seven" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 40, l. 35, by inserting, after the word "authority," the words "on any soldier, but "in the case of persons who are employed by or "are in the service of any of Her Majesty's "troops when employed on active service beyond "the seas, it shall be lawful for such provost "marshal to award and inflict punishment for "minor offences for dealing with which it may "not be considered expedient to convene a court-"martial, subject always to regulations issued for "his guidance by the general or other officer "commanding."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 43, l. 32, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "one."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "three" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 48, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "discharged," the words "or with his assent "transferred to the reserve forces."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 7, by leaving out the words "so enlisted."

And the Question being put, That the words "so enlisted" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 54, l. 35, by inserting, after the word "alehouses," the words "bakers, butchers, "and refreshment-house keepers."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "billets," the words "and the officer or "non-commissioned officer authorised to demand "such billets."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 69, l. 28, by inserting, at the end of Clause 126, the words "and in all cases "where the court has so otherwise ordered, re-"turns shall be annually laid before Parliament "specifying such sentences, and stating the special "reasons for such order in each case."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 69, l. 41, by inserting, at the end of Clause 127, the words "and returns shall be "annually laid before Parliament of all proceed-"ings and evidence taken at inquests or other in-"quiries into the deaths of prisoners."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 69, l. 41, by inserting, at the end of Clause 127, the words "and returns shall be "annually laid before Parliament of all inquests "or other inquiries into the deaths of prisoners."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Biggar*: } 14.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 116.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 94, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "law," the words "and such persons shall, "for purposes of military control and discipline, be subject to such regulations as may be "issued from time to time by the general or other "officer commanding, though not specified in this "Act."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 106, l. 21, by inserting, after the word "military," the words "and hostile."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Henry Samuelson*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 10.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 92.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Rates for Billeting and other Expenses of Troops on the march, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session for bringing into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879"——put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords*.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Hours which the House has sat during the Sessions 1878 and 1879, showing, in separate Columns, those before and after Midnight.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Amendment of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Secretary *Cross* do prepare, and bring it in.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill do consist of Five Members; Three to be nominated by the House; and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Mr. *Monckton*, Lord *Charles Bruce*, and Mr. *Isaac* were accordingly nominated Members of the Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ennis Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in *Ireland*, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Ennis*, in the room of *William Stacpoole*, Esquire, deceased.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill. Bill 251.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill, be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Confirmation (Her Majesty's Ships) Bill, without any Amendment.

Cork Borough Quarter Sessions Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cork* Borough Quarter Sessions Bill, without any Amendment.

Inclosure Provisional Order (Whittington Common) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Inclosure Provisional Order (*Whittington Common*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London Bridge Approaches Bill (*changed from* "London Bridge Bill.")

The Lords have agreed to the *London* Bridge Approaches Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Dublin* Port and Docks Board Bill, without any Amendment.

Ballymena and Larne Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Bann Navigation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Bann* Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

Felixstowe Railway and Pier Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Felixstowe* Railway and Pier Bill, without any Amendment.

Grand Junction Canal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Grand Junction Canal Bill, without any Amendment.

West Donegal Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West *Donegal* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

London (City) Tithes Commutation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *London* (City) Tithes Commutation Bill, without any Amendment.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill. Bill 252.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill for the further amendment of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in *Scotland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Goffin's Certificate.

Ordered, That all Papers relating to the case of Mr. *Goffin* presented to this House in the present Session be referred to the Select Committee on Mr. *Goffin*'s Certificate.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 21*st July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Birkenhead Tramways Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Birkenhead* Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Cork and Kinsale Junction, Cork and Bandon, West Cork and Ilen Valley Railways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork* and *Ilen Valley* Railways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

London Street Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London* Street Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Manchester Suburban Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Rotherham Borough Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Rotherham* Borough Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The

Saint Helens and District Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Dispensary Houses (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
2. Convention of Royal Burghs (*Scotland*) Act, 1879.
3. Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Act, 1879.
4. Convention (*Ireland*) Act Repeal Act, 1879.
5. Public Health (Interments) Act, 1879.
6. Sale of Food and Drugs Act Amendment Act, 1879.
7. Confirmation of Marriages on Her Majesty's Ships Act, 1879.
8. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings) Act, 1879.
9. Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
10. *Wormwood Scrubs* Act, 1879.
11. *Cork* Borough Court Amendment Act, 1879.
12. Inclosure (*Whittington*) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1879.
13. Hundred of *Hoo* Railway Act, 1879.
14. *Norwich* Improvement Act, 1879.
15. *Church Fenton*, *Cawood*, and *Wistow* Railway Act. 1879.
16. *South Shields* Gas Act, 1879.
17. *Ayr* Harbour Amendment Act, 1879.
18. *Great Grimsby* Street Tramways Act, 1879.
19. *Monmouthshire* Railway and Canal Act, 1879.
20. *Arlecdon* and *Frizington* Water Act, 1879.
21. *Birmingham* Gas (*Northfield* and *Yardley*) Act, 1879.
22. *Cardiff* Corporation Act, 1879.
23. *Edinburgh* Municipal and Police Act, 1879.
24. Great Northern Railway (Further Powers) Act, 1879.
25. *Lancaster* Gas Act, 1879.
26. *Mirfield* Gas Act, 1879.
27. *Morecambe* Gas Act, 1879.
28. *North British* (*Bothwell* Railway Amalgamation) Act, 1879.
29. *North British* Railway (*Dundee* and *Arbroath* Joint Line) Act, 1879.
30. *Preston* Gas Act, 1879.
31. *Taff Vale* Railway Act, 1879.
32. *Wisbech* Gas Act, 1879.
33. *London* and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1879.
34. *Plymouth* and *Stonehouse* Gas Act, 1879.
35. *Severn* and *Wye* and *Severn* Bridge Railway Companies Act, 1879.
36. *Belfast* Central Railway Act, 1879.
37. *Cambridge* Street Tramways Act, 1879.
38. *Treferig Valley* Railway Act, 1879.
39. *Furness* Railway Act, 1879.
40. Metropolitan Railway Act, 1879.
41. *Bridport* Railway Act, 1879.
42. *Pulteney* Harbour Act, 1879.
43. Great Eastern Railway Act, 1879.
44. *Manchester*, *Sheffield*, and *Lincolnshire* Railway Act, 1879.
45. *Newcastle-upon-Tyne* and *Gateshead* Gas Act, 1879.
46. South Eastern Railway Act, 1879.
47. *Walton-on-the-Naze* and *Frinton* Improvement Act, 1879.
48. *Upper Mersey* Navigation Act, 1879.
49. *Dublin* (South) City Market Amendment Act, 1879.
50. *East* and *West India* Dock Company's Act, 1879.
51. *Sharpness* Docks Act, 1879.
52. *Queenstown* Gas and Light Act, 1879.
53. *Dublin* Port and Docks Act, 1879.
54. *Portmadoc*, *Croesor*, and *Beddgelert* Tram Railway Act, 1879.
55. *Belfast* Water Act, 1879.
56. *London*, *Chatham*, and *Dover* Railway (*Sevenoaks* Railway Purchase) Act, 1879.
57. *Ballymena* and *Larne* Railway Act, 1879.
58. River *Bann* Navigation Act, 1879.
59. *London* (City) Tithes Act, 1879.
60. *Felixstowe* Railway and Dock Act, 1879.
61. Grand Junction Canal Act, 1879.
62. West *Donegal* Railway Act, 1879.
63. *Edwards* Infants' Succession Duty Act, 1879.
64. *Goldsmid* Estate Act, 1879.
65. *Leitrim* Estates Act, 1879.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Tring* Poor's Land Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Nineteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Charitable Donations and Bequests (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for *Ireland*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Volunteer Adjutants.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for a Return relative to Volunteer Adjutants.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Civil Services (Supplementary Estimate.) No. 307.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of Sums required to be voted for the Expenditure of the year ending 31st March 1880, in addition to the Sums already provided in the Estimates presented in the current Session.

National Portrait Gallery.

Copy of Twenty-second Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, 1879.

National Debt.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to the National Debt.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Board.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1878–79.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Rajputana Railway.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Paper drawn up by the Officials of the Government of *India*, showing the working of the *Rajputana* Line of Railway compared with Broad Gauge Lines.

Westinghouse Brake.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report, dated the 24th day of April 1879, by Mr. *F. E. Harrison*, Civil Engineer to the North Eastern Railway Company, on the *Westinghouse* Automatic Brake adopted by that Company.

Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill.

Lord *Henry Lennox* reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That in the case of the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill; they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 253.

The Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 822,192, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item for the Salary of the Inspector General be reduced by £. 500;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*, Mr. *Gray*: } 16.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 72.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £. 12,829 be reduced by the Sum of £. 110:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item of £. 5,215, for Pensions of the Inspector General and the Assistant Inspectors General, be omitted from the proposed Vote;

The Commitee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Meldon*, Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*: } 22.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 88.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 772,192, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*;

The Commitee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *O'Connor Power*: } 18.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 127.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 821,692, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 821,792, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *Nolan*, Mr. *Mitchell Henry*: } 27.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 162.

Original Question again proposed:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 796,842, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,661, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 110,461, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Callan*: } 20.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 99.

Motion,

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. £. 41,906, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in *Ireland*.

3. £. 4,824, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the *Dundrum* Criminal Lunatic Asylum, *Ireland*.

4. £. 8,441, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Land Judges' Offices in the Chancery Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland*.

5. £. 14,444, to complete the Sum for the Office for the Registration of Deeds in *Ireland*.

6. £. 2,070, to complete the Sum for the Office for the Registration of Judgments in *Ireland*.

7. £. 56,245, to complete the Sum for the Salaries, Allowances, and Expenses of various County Court Officers, and of Magistrates in *Ireland*, and of the Revising Barristers of the City of *Dublin*.

8. £. 103,017, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of *Dublin*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

The Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of rates for Billeting and other Expenses of Troops on the march, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session for bringing into force "The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879."

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 254.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant July, That the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Indian Marine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *Indian* Marine (re-committed) Bill);

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Coroners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coroners (re-committed) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charity (Expenses and Accounts) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East Indian* Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Alliance and *Dublin* Consumers' Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

London Bridge Approaches Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *London* Bridge Approaches Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Whitehaven Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Trust Extension Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Nineteenth Report.

Mr. William Tayler. No. 308.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mr. *William Tayler*, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant July, be printed.

National Debt. No. 309.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Debt, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant July, be printed.

Public Records.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fortieth Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, with Appendix. [9th June 1879.]

Exhibition of 1851.

Copy of Sixth Report of the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, to the Right Honourable *Richard Assheton Cross*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Exhibition of 1851.

Copy of Report by the Commissioners of the Exhibition of 1851, of the Annual International Exhibitions, from 1871 to 1874, undertaken by them.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Thames Conservancy.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Report of the Conservators of the River *Thames*, from the 1st of January 1878 to the 31st December 1878, with Accounts of Moneys received and expended by them, for the year ended 31st December 1878.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Llandisilio* Commissioners (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day appointed for this Evening be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to Unfulfilled Arrangements of the Congress of *Berlin*.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Report which, upon the 16th day of this instant July, was made from the Select Committee upon Privilege (*Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee); and the same being read;

Ordered, That Mr. *Charles Edmund Grissell* and Mr. *John Sandilands Ward* do attend this House To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 4, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 6 to N° 8, agreed to.

Schedule—

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12 (second column), to leave out the words "two shillings per night."

Question, That the words "two shillings per night" stand part of the Schedule——put, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of the Salaries of the First Masters

Masters of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries and Pensions of Officers of the Supreme Court, as well as of Compensation for prejudice to any right or privilege which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Supply [21st July] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *East Indian* Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Death Sentences

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Persons sentenced to Death for the Crime of Murder, from the 31st day of December 1876 to the 31st day of December 1878, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 134, of Session 1877):—

	When and Where Tried.	Name of Convict.	Date of Conviction.	When Executed.	When Pardoned.	Commutation of Sentence.	Still undergoing Sentence.	Whether Infanticide.
Totals . .								

Sanitary Districts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Sanitary Districts in *England* and *Wales* in which Medical Officers of Health have been appointed, distinguishing and enumerating—

(a.) Districts which have entered into combinations, and stating such combinations, showing what combinations have fallen through, and what Districts have seceded from or been added to combinations since their original formation;

(b.) Districts which have accepted part payment of Salaries of Medical Officers of Health;

(c.) Districts which pay the whole of such Salary themselves:

——Of the Names and Registered Medical Qualifications of Medical Officers of Health, and the Salaries paid to them:——At what Dates the Medical Officer of each District reports on the Health of the District to the Local Authority, and whether such Reports are in Manuscript or Printed:——And, a Map to accompany the Tables, showing the Area of the respective Sanitary Districts and their Population:——The Return to be in the following Form:—

Registration Districts or Unions.	Rural Districts.	Urban Districts.	Area of each District in Acres.	Population.	Name of Officer.	Registered Qualifications.	Date of Appointment.	Period of Appointment.	Whether Combined or not.	Whether a Poor Law Medical Officer.	Whether debarred from Practice.	Whether required to give up whole Time.	Salary.	Whether half paid by Government.	Port Sanitary Authorities. Port and Limits of the same.	Name of Officer.	Registered Qualifications.	Date of Appointment.	Period of Appointment.	Salary, and by whom Paid.	If debarred totally or in part from other Duties.	Reports. When made to Local Authority.	Whether Manuscript or Printed.

Combined Districts.

Name of District.	Sanitary Districts in Combination.	Area in Acres.	Population.	Officer.	Date of Appointment.	Period of Appointment.	Salary.	Whether required to devote whole Time.	How District was formed, voluntarily or otherwise.	Name of any Sanitary Districts included wholly or partly within Area of Combined District, but not in Combination.	Area of such Districts.	Population of such Districts.	Names of any Districts which have seceded from Combination.	Area of such Districts.	Population of such Districts.	Consequent loss of Salary of Medical Officer of Health.	Names of any Districts added to Combination since its first formation.	Area of such Districts.	Population of such Districts.	Gain to Salary of Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth: **Message from the Lords.**

The Lords have agreed to the *Medway* Docks Bill, without any Amendment. **Medway Docks Bill.**

The Lords have agreed to the *Caledonian* Railway Bill, without any Amendment. **Caledonian Railway Bill.**

The Lords have agreed to the Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. **Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill.**

The Lords have agreed to the South *London* Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. **South London Tramways Bill.**

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Children's Dangerous Performances Bill, without any Amendment. **Children's Dangerous Performances Bill [*Lords.*]**

Congress of Berlin (Unfulfilled Arrangements.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to use Her influence to procure the prompt execution of those Articles of the Treaty of *Berlin* which relate to reforms in *Turkey*; and further praying that, in undertaking mediation under the 24th Article of the Treaty, She will endeavour to procure for *Greece* the rectification of frontier agreed upon by the Powers;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to

to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House desires to express its gratifi-"cation that the main portion of the stipulations of "the Treaty of *Berlin* has been successfully carried "into effect, and approves the steps which Her "Majesty's Government have already taken to "secure the full accomplishment of those portions "of the Treaty which are still in course of execu-"tion," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Courtney*, Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*: } 4.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 43.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill, be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Supply [21st July] Report.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Constabulary Force (Ireland.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 822,192, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Ireland.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 41,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in *Ireland*.

Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Ireland.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,824, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the *Dundrum* Criminal Lunatic Asylum, *Ireland*.

Chancery Division, High Court of Justice (Ireland.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 8,441, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Land Judges' Offices in the Chancery Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland*.

Registration of Deeds (Ireland.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 14,444, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office for the Registration of Deeds in *Ireland*.

Registration of Judgments (Ireland.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,070, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Office for the Registration of Judgments in *Ireland*.

County Court Officers, &c. (Ireland.)

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 56,245, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries, Allowances, and Expenses of various County Court Officers, and of Magistrates in *Ireland*, and of the Revising Barristers of the City of *Dublin*.

Metropolitan Police (Dublin.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 103,017, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of *Dublin*.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill.

The *East Indian* Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 23*rd July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Nineteenth Report.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland.) No. 310.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Officers and Courts (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

Thames Conservancy. No. 311.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the *Thames* Conservancy, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant July, be printed.

East India (Civil Service.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the admission of Natives to the Civil Service of *India*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Spirits (Foreign.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this July, for a Return relative to Spirits (Foreign).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

University Education (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill, be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Attendance of Mr. *Charles Edmund Grissell* and Mr. *John Sandilands Ward*;

The Serjeant at Arms reported to the House, that *Charles Edmund Grissell* was not in attendance on this House, and that *John Sandilands Ward* was in attendance.

The Serjeant at Arms also reported the course that he had taken in order to secure the attendance of *Charles Edmund Grissell*, and read a telegraphic message addressed to the Serjeant at Arms dated this day, from which it appeared that *Charles Edmund Grissell* was then at *Boulogne-sur-Mer*.

Ordered, That *Charles Edmund Grissell* having been ordered to attend the House this day, and having neglected to attend, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

John Sandilands Ward was then called in, and was addressed by Mr. Speaker in the following terms:—

John Sandilands Ward; Your conduct in connection with the Private Bill relating to the *Tower* High Level Bridge has been subjected to patient and full inquiry by a Select Committee of this House. That Committee have come to conclusions, which are clearly summed up in the last two paragraphs of their Report to the House, in the following terms:—"Your Committee are unanimously of opinion that Mr. *Grissell*, in asserting that he could control the decision of the Committee on the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill, and in the offer he made to do so, was guilty of a breach of the Privileges of the House. And they are also unanimously of opinion that Mr. *Ward* was congnisant of, and assisted Mr. *Grissell* in the matter of, this offer, and was likewise guilty of a breach of the Privileges of the House." I have now to state on behalf of the House that the House is willing to hear what you have to say upon this matter.

John Sandilands Ward thereupon tendered an explanation of his conduct; and was then directed to withdraw.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That *John Sandilands Ward* having been cognisant of, and having assisted *Charles Edmund Grissell*, in the matter of his offer to control the decision of the Committee on the *Tower* High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Bill, was guilty of a breach of the Privileges of this House.

Ordered, That *John Sandilands Ward* be, for his said offence, committed to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms attending this House; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to present another Bill, instead thereof.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Serjeant at Arms reported to the House, That he had taken into custody *John Sandilands Ward*, pursuant to the Order of the House of this day.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

The Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question,

Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.]

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported from the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) [Salaries, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of the Salaries of the first Masters of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries and Pensions of Officers of the Supreme Court, as well as of Compensation for prejudice to any right or privilege which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 4, agreed to.

A Clause added.

Another Clause (Appointment by Local Government Board of inspecting Medical Officers of Health)——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Parliamentary Franchise Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 6th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;

And it being a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till To-morrow.

Passenger Vessels Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Passenger Vessels Licensing (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Banking Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking Laws Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Judicial Factors (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Judicial Factors by Sheriff Courts in *Scotland:* And that Mr. *Ramsay*, Mr. *Baxter*, Sir *Graham Montgomery*, and Mr. *Dalrymple* do prepare, and bring it in.

Municipal Elections (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regulating Municipal Elections in *Ireland:* And that Mr. *James Lowther* and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* do prepare, and bring it in.

Select Committees on Public Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Members who have not served on any Select Committee on Public Bills and other matters during the present Parliament.

Public Works Commissioners (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence that took place lately between the Public Works Commissioners in *Ireland* and certain persons in *Clare* County on the subject of Legal Proceedings instituted against Individuals in that County, and Decrees alleged to be obtained against them for larger Sums than were due by them at foot of Loans under the *Irish* Reproductive Loan Fund.

Public Works Loans [Advances.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Public Works Loans Acts, and of authorising a further Advance, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of Moneys in the hands of the National Debt Commissioners, to enable Advances to be made for the promotion of Public Works;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sanitary Districts.

The Order, made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Sanitary Districts, was read, and discharged; and, instead thereof—

Sanitary Districts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Sanitary Districts in *England* and *Wales* in which Medical Officers of Health have been appointed; distinguishing and enumerating—

(a.) Districts which have entered into combinations, and stating such combinations, showing what combinations have fallen through, and what districts have seceded from or been added to combinations since their original formation;

(b.) Districts which now receive part payment of salaries of Medical Officers of Health;

(c.) Districts which pay the whole of such salaries themselves;

——Of the Names and registered Medical Qualifications of Medical Officers of Health, and the Salaries paid to them:——And, at what Dates the Medical Officer of each District is required to make a General Report on the Health of the District to the Local Authority:——The Return to be in the following Form:—

Urban Districts.	Name of Districts.	Area of each District in Acres.	Population in 1871.	Name of Officer or Officers.	Registered Qualifications.	Date of Apointment.	Period of Appointment.	Whether a Poor Law Medical Officer.	Whether required to give up whole Time.	Salary.	Whether half paid by Government.	Rural Districts.	Similar Particulars.	Port Sanitary Authorities.					Salary.	Whether half paid by Government.	Reports.—When required to be made to Local Authority.
														Name of Port.	Name of Officer.	Registered Qualifications.	Date of Appointment.	Period of Appointment.			

Combined Districts.

Sanitary Districts in Combination.	Area in Acres.	Population in 1871.	Name of Officer.	Registered Qualifications.	Date of Appointment.	Period of Appointment.	Salary.	Whether required to devote whole Time.	How Combined District was formed, whether under Section 191 or 286 of "The Public Health Act, 1875."	Names of any Districts which have seceded from Combination.	Area of such Districts.	Population of such Districts.	Consequent Diminution of Salary of Medical Officer of Health.	Names of any Districts added to Combination since its first Formation.	Area of such Districts.	Population of such Districts.	Increase in Salary of Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. *James Lowther* presented a Bill to amend the Law regulating Municipal Elections in *Ireland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Municipal Elections (Ireland) Bill. Bill 256.

Mr. *Ramsay* presented a Bill to provide for the Appointment of Judicial Factors by Sheriff Courts in *Scotland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed. Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill. Bill 257.

The Order for resuming, upon Tuesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to use Her influence to procure the prompt execution of those Articles of the Treaty of *Berlin* which relate to reforms in *Turkey;* and further praying that, in undertaking mediation under the 24th Article of the Treaty, She will endeavour to procure for *Greece* the rectification of frontier agreed upon by the Powers; Congress of Berlin (Unfulfilled Arrangements.)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 31st day of this instant July.

The Order for taking into further consideration, To-morrow, the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged. Business of the House.

Ordered, That the said proposed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 7th day of August next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed. Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill. Bill 255.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: Message from the Lords.

The

Public Loans Remission Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Loans Remission Bill, without any Amendment.

Army Discipline and Regulation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Army Discipline and Regulation Bill, without any Amendment.

Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Bill, without any Amendment.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Leicester* Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Brentford and Isleworth Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Brentford* and *Isleworth* Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Parliamentary Reporting.

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, Copies of the Reports from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session and in the last Session on Parliamentary Reporting, together with the Minutes of Evidence, &c.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 24th July, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Royal Assent.

A MESSAGE was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879.
2. Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Act, 1879.
3. Children's Dangerous Performances Act, 1879.
4. Public Loans Remission Act, 1879.
5. *Medway* Docks (Extension of Time) Act, 1879.
6. *Caledonian* Railway Act, 1879.
7. Great Northern Railway (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
8. Alliance and *Dublin* Gas Act, 1879.
9. *London* Bridge Approaches Act, 1879.
10. *Whitehaven* Town and Harbour Act, 1879.
11. *Birkenhead* Tramways Act, 1879.
12. *Cork* and *Kinsale* Junction, *Cork* and *Bandon*, West *Cork*, and *Ilen Valley* Railways Act, 1879.
13. *Downham* and *Stoke Ferry* Railway Act, 1879.
14. *London* Street Tramways (Extension) Act, 1879.
15. *Manchester* Suburban Tramways Act, 1879.
16. *Rotherham* Borough Extension and Sewerage Act, 1879.
17. *Saint Helens* and District Tramways Act, 1879.

Frieston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Frieston* Shore Reclamation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Tring* Poor's Land Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Nineteenth Report.

Explosions (Faversham.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the circumstances attending an Explosion which occurred in the Detonator Factory of the Cotton Powder Company (Limited) at *Uplees Marshes*, near *Faversham*, on the 16th May 1879, by Major *A. Ford*, R.A., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives.

Infants in Workhouses (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of March last, for Returns relative to Infants in Workhouses (*Ireland*).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railway Accidents.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report to the Board of Trade upon the Accidents which have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1878.

Railways (Share and Loan Capital, &c.)

Copy of General Report to the Board of Trade in regard to the Share and Loan Capital, Traffic in Passengers and Goods, and the Working Expenditure and Net Profits, from Railway Working of

of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Canonries.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for a Return relative to Canonries.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) [Salaries.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of salaries and pensions of officers, and of compensation to them for loss of emoluments; also in the event of the Honourable *Stearn Ball Miller* becoming the remaining Judge of the Court of Bankruptcy, of the payment to him of additional salary in consideration of additional duties which may be imposed upon him under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the establishment of Local Courts of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) [Repayment of Advances.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of any deficiency in the Pension Fund which may arise in the repayment to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any Advances made by them for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for improving the position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*;

Mr. Secretary *Cross*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India (Public Works.)

No. 312.

Mr. *Stanhope* reported from the Select Committee on *East India* (Public Works); That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

Bill 258.

Mr. *Saul Isaac* reported from the Select Committee on the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill; That, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 15th of July, the Promoters had proved to the Committee that Notices had been published twice in the "*London Gazette*" and once in two successive weeks in the "*Times*" Newspaper, and that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to authorise the Sale of a Strip of Land adjoining the *Knightsbridge* Barracks to the Metropolitan Board of Works for the Improvement of the *Knightsbridge Road*, to transfer the Management of a piece of Crown Land at *Hampton Court* from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, and vest the Management of Land left vacant on the Re-construction and Improvement of *Gloucester Gate* Bridge, *Regent's Park*, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Inland Revenue (Scotland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Gross Amount of Duties charged under the Inland Revenue (*Scotland*) collected in the years ended the 31st day of March 1877, 1878, and 1879, classed under the Divisions of *Scotland*, and Heads of Duties respectively, stated below:—

	Spirits.	Malt.	Licences—Beer, Brewers, Maltsters, Spirits, Wine.	Other Licences.	Railways.	Property and Income Tax.	House Tax.	Stamps.	Legacy and Succession Duties.	Land Tax.	Other Sources.	Total.
I.												
1. Revenue collected in City of *Edinburgh* and *Leith*, year to 31st March 1877												
" " 1878												
" " 1879												
2. Revenue collected in Counties of *Edinburgh*, *Linlithgow*, *Haddington*, *Berwick*, *Roxburgh*, *Selkirk*, *Peebles*, and *Fife*—not including City of *Edinburgh* and *Leith*, year to 31st March 1877												
" " 1878												
" " 1879												
II.												
1. Revenue collected in City of *Glasgow*, year to 31st March 1877												
" " 1878												
" " 1879												
2. Revenue collected in Counties of *Lanark*, *Stirling*, *Dumbarton*, *Argyle*, *Bute*, *Renfrew*, *Ayr*, *Dumfries*, *Kirkcudbright*, and *Wigton*—not including City of *Glasgow*, year to 31st March 1877												
" " 1878												
" " 1879												
III.												
Revenue collected in the remainder of *Scotland*, north of *Forth* and *Tay* - - - year to 31st March 1877												
" " 1878												
" " 1879												
Revenue collected in *Edinburgh* and *Leith*—average of three years ended 31st March 1879 - - - - -												
Revenue collected in Counties included in No. I.—average of three years ended 31st March 1879 - - - - -												
Revenue collected in City of *Glasgow*—average of three years ended 31st March 1879 - - - - - - -												
Revenue collected in Counties included in No. II.—average of three years ended 31st March 1879 - - - - -												
Revenue collected in Counties included in No. III.—average of three years ended 31st March 1879 - - - -												
Total Revenue collected in *Scotland* - - -												

Private Bill Committees.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, to contain the Names of the Members of this Parliament, with the year of their Election, and stating the Number of Committees on opposed Private Bills on which each Member has served during the six Sessions of this Parliament—the names of Members excused from sitting on Private Bills being printed in Italics.

Irish Fisheries.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Inspectors of *Irish* Fisheries, dated January 1877, on the subject of Branding Herrings in *Ireland* and *Scotland*, and referred to in the Report of the Inspectors for 1878.

Poor Law (Ireland) Act, 1876.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amounts of Poor Rate in the Pound which the Relief afforded to the Electoral Divisions of *Limerick*, *Rathkeale*, and *Kilmallock*, under the limitation of the Rates on Electoral Divisions in certain cases provided by the fifth section of the *Irish* Poor Law Act of 1876, threw on the other Electoral Divisions of the Unions containing the said Towns respectively, during the year

year ending the 29th day of September 1878, in the following Form:—

	Electoral Division.	Amount in the £.1 thrown on Division in consequence of Limitation of Rates under sec. 5, Act 1876.
Limerick Union :		
Killmallock Union :		
Rathkeale Union :		

Blind and Deaf-Mutes (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Blind and of Deaf-Mute Children and Young Persons (under the Age of Twenty-one years) in each Parish in *Scotland* receiving Poor Law Relief; specifying how many of each of the above Two Classes are receiving Education adapted to their respective unfortunate conditions, and naming the Asylums, Institutions, or Schools (stating whether Public or Private) in which they are being taught.

Parliamentary Reporting.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of this instant July, wherein their Lordships request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, Copies of the Reports from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session and in the last Session on Parliamentary Reporting, together with the Minutes of Evidence, &c.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Reports be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk to deliver the same.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no measure of University Education can be "considered satisfactory to the people of *Ireland* "which does not provide increased facilities for "Collegiate Education as well as for the attain-"ment of University Degress," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 257.
Tellers for the Noes, { Major *Nolan*, Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*: } 90.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*, Mr. *Evans*: } 28.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 260.
So it passed in the Negative.
Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Works Loans [Advances, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans [Advances, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorise further Advances out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of moneys in the hands of the National Debt Commissioners held on account of Savings Banks, or Post Office Savings Banks, of any sum or sums of money not exceeding £. 6,000,000 in the whole, to enable the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and not exceeding £. 850,000 in the whole, to enable the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland* to make Advances in promotion of Public Works.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the Public Works Loans Acts.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 7th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of August next.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act, (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Highway Accounts (Returns) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Occupation Roads Bill.

The Occupation Roads Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords*.]

The Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Practice in Registry Courts in *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Callan*, Sir *Joseph M'Kenna*, and Mr. *Fay* do prepare, and bring it in.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill. Bill 259.

Mr. *Callan* accordingly presented a Bill to regulate Practice in Registry Courts in *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Merchant Shipping. No. 313.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy of Tables showing the Number and Tonnage of Sailing and Steam Vessels belonging to the United Kingdom, classed according to Tonnage from Fifty Tons upwards, which were employed and on the Register in successive years ending with the year 1878; and also the Number of Men and Boys employed in the various Classes of Vessels; and showing the Increase or Diminution of each Class in each successive year.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Merchant Ships' Discipline ("Houssa.") No. 314.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy of the Report made to the Board of Trade by the Inspectors appointed under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," to inquire into the circumstances attending the recent Voyage of the *British* Merchant Ship "*Houssa*," of *Glasgow*, Official Number 78,604, from *Liverpool* to the West Coast of *Africa* and back to this Country.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

South London Tramways Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South *London* Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Thames* River (Prevention of Floods) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Vide Votes, and Nineteenth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Infants in Workhouses (Ireland.) No. 316.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Infants in Workhouses (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Cyprus (No. 5, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence respecting Complaints made against the Government of *Cyprus*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway Accidents.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom, during the Six Months ending 30th June 1879, in pursuance of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871, 34 & 35 *Vic.* c. 78; together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade, upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Westinghouse Brake.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the *Westinghouse* Brake.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education (Science and Art.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-sixth Report of the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Chamber of London.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of the City of *London*, for the year ending 31st December 1878.

Vaccination Act, 1867.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Prosecutions in respect of *England* and *Wales* since the 1st day of January 1875 to the 1st day of January 1879 under "The Vaccination Act, 1867," distinguishing—

(1.) Those who under Section 29 have neglected to procure the Vaccination of a Child;

(2.) Those who under Section 31 have disobeyed the Order of a Justice for the Vaccination of a Child, and how often Prosecutions under this Section were repeated for same child;

Stating also the Amount of Penalty inflicted on Conviction; whether imprisoned in case of Default; and, if discharged under Section 31, the grounds for such Discharge:—

Name of Petty Session or Police Court.	Number of Persons Summoned under Section Twenty-nine of "The Vaccination Act, 1867."				Number of Persons Summoned under Section Thirty-one of "The Vaccination Act, 1867."				
	Name of Person.	Amount of Penalty Inflicted on Conviction.	Whether Imprisoned in Default.	Whether Discharged.	Name of Person.	Amount of Penalty Inflicted on Conviction.	Whether Imprisoned in Default.	Whether Discharged.	Grounds of Discharge.

Fish conveyed Inland.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Fish conveyed Inland by Railway from each of the principal Fishing Ports of *England* and *Wales* in the year 1878.

Burghs (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Rental of each of the Royal Burghs of *Scotland* according to the Lands Valuation Act, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, within the Boundaries of the Royalty of each Burgh as such Boundaries existed before the passing of the Act 3 and 4 *Will.* 4, c. 77, and in which the Magistrates and Town Councils had the power of levying Stent or Land Tax.

Exchequer Bonds (1879-80.) No. 315.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of Exchequer Bonds payable in the year ending the 31st day of March 1880 unprovided for.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Afghan War Expenses.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considering that it has been officially stated that "the *Afghan* War was undertaken in the interests "of *England* and *India* jointly, this House is of "opinion that it is unjust to make *India* pay to-"wards the expenses of that war more than seven "times as much as will be contributed by *Eng-"land*," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 137.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Arthur Hayter*, Mr. *Laing*: } 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And a Debate arising thereupon:—And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Works Loans [Advances, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Advances, &c.], several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That it is expedient to authorise further Advances out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of moneys in the hands of the National Debt Commissioners held on account of Savings Banks, or Post Office Savings Banks, of any sum or sums of money not exceeding £. 6,000,000 in the whole, to enable the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and not exceeding £. 850,000 in the whole, to enable the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland* to make Advances in promotion of Public Works.

2. That it is expedient to amend the Public Works Loans Acts.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Public Works Loans (No. 2.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Ancient Monuments Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Saint George's Union Infirmary.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report by Dr. *Webster* on the Working of the Infirmary of *Saint George*'s Union, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1879.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, and to grant Money for the purpose of Loans by the said Commissioners, and for other purposes in relation thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Customs Buildings Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Customs Buildings Bill, without any Amendment.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

East Indian Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *East Indian* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords*.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enlarging the Leasing Powers relating to the Estates annexed to the Earldom of *Arundel*, and for effecting an Exchange of parts of the same Estates, and for authorising Exchanges and Sales of other parts of the same Estates, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bill 261.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The House was moved, That the Order, made upon the 23rd day of this instant July, That leave be given to present another Public Works Loans Bill, instead of the Bill then ordered to be withdrawn, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the innocence of *Edmund Galley* of the "crime of which he was convicted at *Exeter* in "1836 has been established beyond all reasonable "doubts; and that an humble Address be pre-"sented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty "graciously to grant a free Pardon to *Edmund* "*Galley*," instead thereof.

Edmund Galley.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 26th July, 1879:

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented "to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that She "will be graciously pleased to grant a free Pardon "to *Edmund Galley*," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Ma-"jesty, praying Her Majesty that She will be "graciously pleased to grant a free Pardon to "*Edmund Galley*," be added to the word "That" in the Original Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Original Question, so amended, being put;

Edmund Galley.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that She will be graciously pleased to grant a free Pardon to *Edmund Galley*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

The House, accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 22,150, to complete the Sum for Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

2. £. 23,100, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Relief of Distressed British Seamen Abroad.

3. £. 395,000, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *England* and *Wales*.

4. £. 71,760, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Scotland*.

5. £. 22,095, to complete the Sum in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Ireland*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 11,647, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 123,944, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1878, from Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for the Banks for Savings" and "The Fund for Friendly Societies" is insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter mentioned year to the Trustees of Savings Banks, and to Friendly Societies respectively:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Whitwell*, Mr. *Monk*:	6.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Meldon*, Mr. *Gray*:	40.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. *Salt* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) [Salaries.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) [Salaries];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) [Repayment of Advances.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) [Repayment of Advances];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands (re-committed) Bill; and, after some

some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Salt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Industrial Enterprise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Enterprise (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of June last, That the Common Law Procedure and Judicature Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of August next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 7th day of August next.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Re-hearing of Investigations into Shipping Casualties, and to amend the Rules as to the mode of holding and procedure at such Investigations: And that Viscount *Sandon* and Mr. *John G. Talbot* do prepare, and bring it in.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill. Bill 262.

Viscount *Sandon* presented a Bill to provide for the Re-hearing of Investigations into Shipping Casualties, and to amend the Rules as to the mode of holding and procedure at such Investigations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 28*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Blackpool Extension and Improvement Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Blackpool* Extension and Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Leicester* Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill be taken into consideration after the other Private Business.

Over Darwen Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Over Darwen* Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Llandisilio* Commissioners (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Arundel* Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Standing Order 72 be suspended, and that the Examiner have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Arundel Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Ordered, That Standing Orders 204, 223, and 235 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That, in the case of the said Bill, Standing Order 211 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed To-morrow.

Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords;

Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Contagious Diseases Acts Repeal Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Petitions (Nineteenth Report.)

Sir *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Contagious Diseases Acts.

Ordered, That the Petitions which have been presented to this House during the present Session of Parliament, relating to the Contagious Diseases Acts, be referred to the Select Committee on the Contagious Diseases Acts.

Public Petitions.

Vide Votes, and Twentieth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Westinghouse Brake.

No. 317.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *Westinghouse* Brake, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant July, be printed.

Chamber of London.

No. 318.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Chamber of *London*, which were presented upon the 25th day of this instant July, be printed.

Army (Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and Royal Military College, Sandhurst.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Observations by the Governors of the Royal Military Academy, and the Royal Military College, on the Remarks of General Sir *James Fitzmayer*, appended to the late Report of the Board of Visitors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Railways.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for *India* in Council on Railways in *India*, for the year 1878-79, by *Juland Danvers*, Esquire, Government Director of the *Indian* Railway Companies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lunacy (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for *Scotland*.

Factories.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of May, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Factories authorised to be inspected under the Factory and Workshops Acts, with the Number of Persons employed in each Industry, distinguishing Men, Women, Young Persons, Children, and Half-timers; and also giving the Number of Spindles, Looms, and other Machines used in each of the Trades and Industries inspected up to the 31st day of October next.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2367] of July 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Slave Vessels and Slaves.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Slave Vessels and Slaves captured by Her Majesty's Cruisers in the last Five Years; and showing also how the Slaves were disposed of according to the Provisions of the Tenth Section of the Act 36 & 37 *Vic.* c. 88.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Serjeant at Arms, on being called upon by Mr. Speaker to inform the House what course he had taken in order to serve Mr. Speaker's Warrant upon *Charles Edmund Grissell*, reported, as follows:—

On receiving Mr. Speaker's Warrant to take into my custody *Charles Edmund Grissell*, I sent a Messenger of the House to *Boulogne-sur-Mer* to obtain information respecting him. The Messenger has returned and reported to me that he has seen Mr. *Grissell*, who is still at *Boulogne-sur-Mer*,—beyond the jurisdiction of this House,—and residing at the Hotel *Bordeaux* under the name of *Graham*.

Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,034, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Queen's University in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

1. £. 110,644, to complete the Sum for the Erection, Repairs, and Maintenance of the several Public Buildings under the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*.

2. £. 22,340, to complete the Sum for the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

3. £. 1,522, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for *Ireland*.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 95,826, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in *Ireland*, including various Grants in Aid of Local Taxation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item of £. 4,200, for Salaries of Inspectors, be reduced by £. 700;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Biggar*:	8.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	141.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,007, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in *Ireland*:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 21,507, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in *Ireland*:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. £. 4,425, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in

in *Ireland*, and of the Keeper of State Papers in *Dublin*.

7. £. 65,521, to complete the Sum for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in *Ireland*, including certain Allowances under the Act 15 & 16 *Vic.* c. 83.

8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,677, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland* as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund; including provision for certain Officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *Ireland*, and for the Trial of Election Petitions:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,457, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland* as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund; including provision for certain Officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *Ireland*, and for the Trial of Election Petitions;

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Question put;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *O'Donnell*, Major *Nolan*:	26.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	182.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,661, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Bank ing and Joint Stock Companies Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy Law Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Municipal Elections (Ireland) Bill.

The Municipal Elections (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Supply [25th July] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Pensions (Merchant Service.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,150, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

Distressed British Seamen Abroad.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Relief of Distressed *British* Seamen Abroad.

Pauper Lunatics (England and Wales.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 395,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *England* and *Wales*.

Pauper Lunatics (Scotland.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 71,760, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Scotland*.

Pauper Lunatics (Ireland.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,095, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in *Ireland*.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) [Salaries, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*), [Salaries, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Salaries and Pensions of Officers, and of Compensation to them for Loss of Emoluments; also, in the event of the Honourable *Stearn Ball Miller* becoming the remaining Judge of the Court of Bankruptcy, of the payment to him of additional Salary in consideration of additional Duties which may be imposed upon him under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the establishment of Local Courts of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

National School Teachers (Ireland) [Repayment of Advances.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) [Repayment of Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of any deficiency in the Pension Fund which may arise in the repayment to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any Advances made by them for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for improving the position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Viscount *Sandon*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

Spirits in Bond Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits in Bond Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Boundary Commission (England and Wales.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint a Commission to re-arrange the Boundaries of the Districts under the Administration of Local Authorities in *England* and *Wales:* And that Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Clare Read*, and Mr. *Backhouse* do prepare, and bring it in.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) [Fellowships, &c. Pensions, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Charge for the Creation of Exhibitions, Scholarships, Fellowships, and other Prizes, and of the Erection of suitable Buildings in connection with the University; also of retiring Pensions to any officers of the Queen's University who may be deprived of their Office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to promote the advancement of learning, and to extend the benefits connected with University Education in *Ireland;*

Mr. *William Henry Smith*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Boundary Commission (England and Wales) Bill. Bill 263.

Lord *Edmond Fitzmaurice* presented a Bill to appoint a Commission to re-arrange the Boundaries of the Districts under the Administration of Local Authorities in *England* and *Wales:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Merchant Ships (Health of Crews.) No. 319.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables of Reports made to the Board of Trade relating to recent cases of Scurvy which have occurred on board *British* Merchant Ships (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 117, of Session 1876).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Noxious Gases Bill.

The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of May last, That the Noxious Gases Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

Resolved, that this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

East Indian Railway Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *East Indian* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North *Staffordshire* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Nottingham* Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on the *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made a verbal Amendment therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *Raikes* reported the *Arundel* Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Twentieth Report.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Turkey (No. 8, 1879) (Bulgaria.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Constitution of the Principality of *Bulgaria*.

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Consular Reports) (Commercial, No. 21, 1879.)

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of their Consular Districts. Part IV. Trade Reports.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Medical Officers (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Medical Officers (*Scotland*).

Police of Boroughs (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of Cases in which the Secretary of State's Certificate to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the efficiency of the Police of Boroughs in *England* and *Wales* has been withheld, for the year ended the 29th day of September 1878.

Police of Burghs (Scotland.)

Return of Cases in which the Secretary of State's Certificate to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of efficiency of the Police of Burghs in *Scotland* has been withheld, for the year ended the 15th day of March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Workhouse Infirmaries (Use of Stimulants.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report of Dr. *Webster*, Medical Officer

Officer of the *Saint George's* Union Infirmary, dated the 26th day of May 1879, as to the Use of Stimulants in Workhouse Infirmaries, &c.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords.*] No. 320.

Mr. *W. E. Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill; to whom the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill, the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill, and the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill were referred; That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix; and the said Special Report was read, as followeth:

Your Committee are of opinion that at this late period of the Session it is not possible to complete the evidence which bears on the Bills referred to them. That it is, therefore, not desirable to proceed further with the said Bills during the present Session, and that they be reported to the House, without Amendments, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon Table; and be printed.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill [*Lords.*]

Mr. *W. E. Forster* further reported from the Select Committee; That they had agreed to report the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill.

Mr. *W. E. Forster* further reported from the Select Committee; That they had agreed to report the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Medical Appointments Qualification Bill.

Mr. *W. E. Forster* further reported from the Select Committee; That they had agreed to report the Medical Appointments Qualification Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. *W. E. Forster* further reported from the Select Committee; That they had agreed to report the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Colonel *Carington* have leave of absence till the end of the Session, on account of domestic affliction.

Sugar Industries.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Sugar Industries have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee) (John Sandilands Ward.)

A Petition of *John Sandilands Ward*, now a prisoner in the custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending the House, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner has not only suffered very much from loss of liberty, but his health has been seriously affected in consequence of his imprisonment by order of the House, as is shown by the certificates of Dr. *Sieveking*, Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, and Dr. *J. H. Waters*, of which the following are copies:—

"July 29, 1879.—I have this day, in the presence of Dr. *Waters*, examined Mr. *J. S. Ward*, and find him affected with diarrhœa, headache, and great depression of spirits. Ten years ago Mr. *Ward* suffered in a similar manner, and was then obliged to withdraw from business for eight months; there is just reason to fear that if his present symptoms become aggravated by prolonged imprisonment, a similar or worse nervous malady than that which occurred before may return.—(Signed), *Edward H. Sieveking*, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians."

"July 29, 1879.—I certify that I have this day seen and examined Mr. *J. S. Ward*, in conjunction with Dr. *Sieveking*, and find him suffering from symptoms of nervous irritation and debility, and am of opinion that these symptoms will lead up to a severe illness, similar to a former attack from which he suffered some nine years ago, unless his present confinement, and the trouble consequent on it, ceases.—(Signed), *J. H. Waters*, M.D."

That the Petitioner entirely submits himself to the House, and begs to express his unfeigned sorrow and regret for having incurred its displeasure, but he ventures most humbly to hope that the House will deem that the harassing imprisonment the Petitioner has already undergone, and the very serious loss and inconvenience thereby entailed upon him are a sufficient expiation of the offence against the privileges of the House, of which he has been adjudged guilty; and praying that the House will order his discharge out of custody.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill. Bill 264.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day three months";

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Cyprus Police.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "it is inexpedient to grant a sum of "£. 26,000 for the *Cyprus* Police until a report "from the authorities of the Island, showing the "necessity for such expenditure, and a full state-"ment of the finances of the Island, be laid before "the House," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	99.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, Sir *Charles Dilke*:	72.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 154,995, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

1. £. 2,500,000, to pay off and discharge Ex-

chequer Bonds that will become due and payable during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

2. £. 154,995, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad.

3. £. 184,597, to complete the Sum for the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

4. £. 32,401, to complete the Sum in aid of Colonial Local Revenue, and for the Salaries and Allowances of Governors, &c., and for other Expenses in certain Colonies.

5. £. 1,770, to complete the Sum for certain Non-Effective Charges connected with the *Orange River* Territory and the Island of *Saint Helena*.

6. £. 1,120, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Three Representatives of Her Majesty's Government on the Council of Administration of the *Suez* Canal Company.

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7. £. 5,492, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Mixed Commissions established under the Treaties with Foreign Powers for suppressing the Traffic in Slaves, and of other Establishments in connection with that object, including the *Muscat* Subsidy.

8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,247, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Tonnage Bounties, Bounties on Slaves, Costs of Captors, &c., and Expenses of the Liberated *African* Department:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,247, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Tonnage Bounties, Bounties on Slaves, Costs of Captors, &c., and Expenses of the Liberated *African* Department:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. £. 11,647, to complete the Sum for the support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries in *Ireland*.

10. £. 123,944, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1878, from Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for the Banks for Savings," and "The Fund for Friendly Societies" is insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter mentioned year to the Trustees of Savings Banks, and to Friendly Societies respectively.

11. £. 2,544, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in *Great Britain*.

12. £. 2,802, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in *Ireland*.

13. £. 19,076, to complete the Sum for the Temporary Commissions and Committees.

14. £. 5,086, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

15. £. 806,258, to complete the Sum for the Customs Department.

16. £. 1,582,125, to complete the Sum for the Inland Revenue Department.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,806,825, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,806,725, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. £. 574,725, to complete the Sum for the Post Office Packet Service.

18. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 834,528, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

19. £. 490, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Commissioners of Education in *Ireland* appointed for the Regulation of Endowed Schools.

20. £. 1,739, to complete the Sum for the National Gallery of *Ireland*, and for the purchase of Pictures.

21. £. 1,500, to complete the Sum in aid of the Royal *Irish* Academy.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) [Salaries, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) [Salaries, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Salaries and Pensions of Officers, and of Compensation to them for loss of Emoluments; also in the event of the Honourable *Stearn Ball Miller* becoming the remaining Judge of the Court of Bankruptcy, of the payment to him of additional Salary in consideration of additional Duties which may be imposed upon him under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the establishment of Local Courts of Bankruptcy in *Ireland*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [28th July] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Public Buildings (Ireland.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 110,644, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Erection, Repairs, and Maintenance of the several Public Buildings under the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*.

Chief Secretary for Ireland (Offices.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,340, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

Charitable Donations and Bequests Office (Ireland.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,522, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for *Ireland*.

Local Government Board (Ireland.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 95,826, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in *Ireland*, including various Grants in Aid of Local Taxation.

Public Works Office (Ireland.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,007, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in *Ireland*.

Public Record Office (Ireland.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 4,425, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in *Ireland*, and of the Keeper of State Papers in *Dublin*.

Law Charges (Ireland.)

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 65,521, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, of Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in *Ireland*, including certain Allowances under the Act 15 & 16 *Vic.* c. 83.

Queen' Bench, High Court of Justice and other Divisions (Ireland.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,677, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer Divisions of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in *Ireland* as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund; including provision for certain Officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature in *Ireland*, and for the Trial of Election Petitions.

Prisons, &c. (Ireland.)

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,661, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

The next Six Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Ninth Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

Ordered, That the Resolutions which have been postponed be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Lord *John Manners*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Municipal Elections (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Municipal Elections (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

National School Teachers (Ireland) [Repayment of Advances.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on National School Teachers (*Ireland*) [Repayment of Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise

authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of any deficiency in the Pension Fund which may arise in the repayment to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any Advances made by them for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for improving the position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*;

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) [Fellowships, &c. Pensions, &c.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) [Fellowships, &c. Pensions, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the charge for the creation of Exhibitions, Scholarships, Fellowships, and other prizes, and of the erection of suitable Buildings in connection with the University; also of retiring Pensions to any officers of the *Queen's* University who may be deprived of their office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to promote the advancement of learning, and to extend the benefits connected with University Education in *Ireland*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Copyright.

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to Copyright, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Copyright.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Copyright:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Lord *John Manners*, Viscount *Sandon*, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The *Irish* Church Act, 1869," and to provide further Compensation to certain Persons being Priests and Deacons of the late Established Church of *Ireland*: And that Mr. *Plunket*, Sir *Arthur Guinness*, Mr. *Maurice Brooks*, Mr. *Ewart*, and Mr. *Kavanagh* do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Offices (Fees.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection, either in Money or by Stamps, of Fees payable in Public Offices: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant further Time for proceeding with the execution of Works for improving the Navigation of the Lough and River *Erne*: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. *James Lowther* do prepare, and bring it in.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for further amending the Acts relating to the raising of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Copyright (No. 2) Bill. Bill 265.

Lord *John Manners* presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Copyright: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of August next; and to be printed.

Public Offices (Fees) Bill. Bill 266.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to provide for the collection, either in Money or by Stamps, of Fees payable in Public Offices: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill. Bill 267.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to grant further Time for proceeding with the execution of Works for improving the Navigation of the Lough and River *Erne*: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill. Bill 268.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill for further amending the Acts relating to the raising of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same

same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill. Bill 269.

Mr. *Plunket* presented a Bill to amend "The *Irish* Church Act, 1869," and to provide further Compensation to certain Persons being Priests and Deacons of the late Established Church of *Ireland*: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sugar Industries. No. 321.

Mr. *Ritchie* reported from the Select Committee on Sugar Industries; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House, together with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned this day.

Wednesday, 30*th July*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Brentford and Isleworth Tramways Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Brentford* and *Isleworth* Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Votes, and Twentieth Report.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and refered to a Select Committee.

Select Committees on Public Bills. No. 322.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Select Committees on Public Bills.

Queen Anne's Bounty.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, — Annual Account and Report of the Governors of Queen *Anne*'s Bounty, to the 31st December 1878.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Select Committees on Public Bills be printed.

Vaccination Act, 1867.

The Order, made upon 25th day of this instant July, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to the Vaccination Act, 1867, was read and discharged.

Vaccination Act, 1867.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Prosecutions in respect of *England* and *Wales* since the 1st day of January 1875 to the 1st day of January 1879 under "The Vaccination Act, 1867," distinguishing—

(1.) Those who under Section 29 have neglected to procure the Vaccination of a Child;

(2.) Those who under Section 31 have disobeyed the Order of a Justice for the Vaccination of a Child, and how often Prosecutions under this Section were repeated for same child;

Stating also the Amount of Penalty inflicted on Conviction; whether imprisoned in case of Default; and, if discharged under Section 31, the grounds for such Discharge:—

Name of Petty Session or Police Court.	Number of Persons Summoned under Section Twenty-nine of "The Vaccination Act, 1867."				Number of Persons Summoned under Section Thirty-one of "The Vaccination Act, 1867."				
	Name of Person.	Amount of Penalty Inflicted on Conviction.	Whether Imprisoned in Default.	Whether Discharged.	Name of Person.	Amount of Penalty Inflicted on Conviction.	Whether Imprisoned in Default.	Whether Discharged.	Grounds of Discharge.

Privilege (Tower Hill Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Petition of *John Sandilands Ward*, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July:—The House proceeded to take the said Petition into consideration; and the same was again read.

John Sandilands Ward.

Resolved, That *John Sandilands Ward*, having entirely submitted himself to this House, and expressed his sorrow and regret for his offence, and having already suffered in his health, be discharged out of the custody of the Serjeant at Arms, on payment of his fees.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Education (Elementary Science.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it would be desirable to modify the Code "of Education by adding Elementary Science to "the subjects mentioned in Article 19, c, 1," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 80.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Dr. *Lyon Playfair*: } 48.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

£. 1,521,168, to complete the Sum for Public Education in *England* and *Wales*, including Expenses of the Education Office in *London*.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 266,766, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Public Education in *Scotland*;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received, To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them

them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to s t again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [29th July] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Exchequer Bonds.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds that will become due and payable during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Embassies and Missions Abroad.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 154,995, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad.

Consular Establishments.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 184,597, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

Colonies (Grants in Aid.)

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 32,401, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of Colonial Local Revenue, and for the Salaries and Allowances of Governors, &c., and for other Expenses in certain Colonies.

Orange River Territory and Saint Helena.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,770, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for certain Non-Effective Charges connected with the *Orange River* Territory and the Island of *Saint Helena*.

Suez Canal Company (Salaries and Expenses.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,120, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Three Representatives of Her Majesty's Government on the Council of Administration of the *Suez* Canal Company.

Slave Trade Commissions.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,492, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Mixed Commissions established under the Treaties with Foreign Powers for suppressing the Traffic in Slaves, and of other Establishments in connection with that object, including the *Muscat* Subsidy.

Tonnage Bounties on Slaves.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,247, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Tonnage Bounties, Bounties on Slaves, Costs of Captors, &c., and Expenses of the Liberated *African* Department.

Hospitals and Infirmaries (Ireland.)

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 11,647, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries in *Ireland*.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies (Deficiencies.)

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 123,944, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1878, from Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for the Banks for Savings" and "The Fund for Friendly Societies" is insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter mentioned year to the Trustees of Savings Banks, and to Friendly Societies respectively.

Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances (Great Britain.)

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,544, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in *Great Britain*.

Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances (Ireland.)

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,802, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in *Ireland*.

Temporary Commissions.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 19,076, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of Temporary Commissions and Committees.

Miscellaneous Expenses.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,086, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

Customs Department.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 806,258, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

Inland Revenue Department.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,582,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

Post Office Packet Service.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 574,725, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Post Office Packet Service.

Post Office Telegraph Service.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 834,528, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

Commissioners of Education (Ireland) (Endowed Schools.)

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 490, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Education in *Ireland* appointed for the Regulation of Endowed Schools.

National Gallery (Ireland.)

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,739, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of *Ireland*, and for the Purchase of Pictures.

Royal Irish Academy.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of the Royal *Irish* Academy.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Municipal Elections (Ireland) Bill.

The Municipal Elections (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

National School Teachers (Ireland) [Repayment of Advances.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on National School Teachers (*Ireland*) [Repayment of Advances], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of any deficiency in the Pension Fund which may arise in the repayment to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any Advances made by them for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for improving the position of the Teachers of National Schools in *Ireland*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) [Fellowships, &c. Pensions, &c.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) [Fellowships, &c., Pensions, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the charge for the creation of Exhibitions, Scholarships, Fellowships, and other prizes, and of the erection of suitable Buildings in connection with the University; also of retiring Pensions to any officers of the Queen's University who may be deprived of their office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to promote the advancement of learning, and to extend the benefits connected with University Education in *Ireland*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Teachers Organisation and Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers Organisation and Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill.

The Judicial Factors (*Scotland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Ancients Monuments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ancient Monuments Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tipperary Boroughs.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Borough of *Cashel*, the Town of *Tipperary*, the Town of *Nenagh*, and the Town of *Thurles* into a Parliamentary Borough under the name of the *Tipperary* Boroughs: And that Mr. *Arthur Moore*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Meldon*, and Mr. *O'Shaughnessy* do prepare, and bring it in.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue for a further period the powers of making Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1874, and 1876: And that Lord *George Hamilton* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue for a further period the Regulation of Railways Acts, 1873 and 1874: And that Viscount *Sandon* and Mr. *John G. Talbot* do prepare, and bring it in.

East India Loan [Consolidated Fund] (Annuities.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to raise Funds by the creation of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Permanent Annuities, to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of making a Loan to the Secretary of State in Council of *India*;

Lord *George Hamilton*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Contagious Diseases Acts. No. 323.

Mr. *Massey* reported from the Select Committee on the Contagious Diseases Acts; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Tipperary Boroughs Bill. Bill 271.

Mr. *Arthur Moore* presented a Bill to constitute the Borough of *Cashel*, the Town of *Tipperary*, the Town of *Nenagh*, and the Town of *Thurles* into a Parliamentary Borough under the name of the *Tipperary* Boroughs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill. Bill 272.

Lord *George Hamilton* presented a Bill to continue for a further period the powers of making Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts 1869, 1874, and 1876: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill. Bill 270.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented a Bill to continue for a further period the Regulation of Railways Acts, 1873 and 1874: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Employers' Liability Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday the 7th day of August next, the Employers' Liability Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Valuation of Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Industrial Enterprise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Industrial Enterprise (*Ireland*) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.

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PRAYERS.

Girvan and Portpatrick Junction Railway Bill [*Lords*.]

THE *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords*.]

A Motion being made, That the *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Vide Votes, and Twentieth Report.

Factories. No. 324.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Factories, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant July, be printed.

Queen Anne's Bounty. No. 325.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Queen *Anne*'s Bounty, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licensed Houses.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of March last, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licensed Houses).

Electors, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of April last, for a Return relative to Electors, &c.

Bantry Union.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to the *Bantry* Union.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Malta (Occupation of Inhabitants.)

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to *Malta* (Occupation of Inhabitants).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

War in South Africa (Vote of Credit.) No. 326.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Sum required to be voted, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1880, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*.

War in South Africa (Vote of Credit.) No. 327.

Statement showing the Services to which the Sum of £.3,000,000 required for the War in *South Africa* will probably be applicable.

Revenue, Taxation, and Population.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of June last, for Returns relative to Revenue, Taxation, and Population.

Ordered, That the said Estimate and Statement be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr.

Royal Parks and Gardens.

Mr. *Gerard Noel* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Cancellation of Rules of 1st October 1872, for *Greenwich Park*.

Also, Copy of Rules for *Greenwich Park*, dated 21st July 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping Act (Vessels detained.)

Viscount *Sandon* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of all Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, in pursuance of the provisions of 39 & 40 *Vic.* c. 80, ss. 6 and 13, from 1st January to 30th June 1879; giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; together with a Summary, showing the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe since the commencement of the Act, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [c. 2264]).

Board of Trade Inquiries.

Viscount *Sandon* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for Returns relative to Board of Trade Inquiries.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Fish conveyed Inland.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Fish conveyed Inland by Railway from each of the principal Fishing Ports of *Scotland* and *Ireland* in the year 1878, in completion of Return ordered on 25th July for *England* and *Wales*.

Walsall Workhouse.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Local Government Board and Workhouse Officials and Catholic Clergymen in *Walsall* respecting alleged Neglect or Hindrance by Workhouse Officials, whereby Spiritual Ministrations were not provided for two Roman Catholic Paupers named *Hawkins* and *Blake*, in *Walsall* Workhouse.

Army (Courts Martial, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return for 1878, for each Regiment of Cavalry, Brigade of Artillery, Company of Engineers, and Battalion of Infantry, of the Number of General, District, or Garrison, or Regimental, or Detachment Courts Martial, Minor Punishments, and Desertions.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

Ordered, That in the case of the *Lough Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Commons Act (1876) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Slave Trade (East African Courts) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Bill, without any Amendment.

Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act (1874) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (*Scotland*) Act (1874) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Railways and Telegraphs in India Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Railways and Telegraphs in *India* Bill, without any Amendment.

Frieston Shore Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Frieston* Shore Reclamation Bill, without any Amendment.

Tring Poor's Land Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Tring* Poor's Land Bill, without any Amendment.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Sale in *Ireland*; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 273.

The Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Indian Museum.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "having regard alike to the traditions of "our rule in *India* and to the expediency of "establishing, at an early period, by the joint "action of the Mother Country, its Colonies, and "Dependencies, an institution in which the productions of all those Colonies and Dependencies "should be adequately represented,, it is undesirable that the *Indian* Museum, collected at great "cost by the *East India* Company, and taken over "by the Crown, should now be broken up and "distributed," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Oredered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

1. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. *Resolved*, That the principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of any period not exceeding three years from the date of such Bonds.

Exchequer Bonds.

3. *Resolved*, That the interest of all such Exchequer Bonds shall be paid half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 1,003,375, for Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 185,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 184,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Callan*:	10.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	161.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 193,870, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, Royal Naval Reserve, and Seamen and Marine Pensioners Reserve, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 54,870, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, Royal Naval Reserve, and Seamen and Marine Pensioners Reserve, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880——put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £. 105,576, for the several Scientific Departments of the Navy.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,355,000 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. £. 76,570, for the Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad.

7. £. 67,030, for the Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

8. £. 21,408, for the Expenses of Marine Divisions.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,030,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Stores for Building, Repairing, and Outfitting the Fleet and Coast Guard, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:——Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 566,749, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of New Works, Buildings, Yard Machinery, and Repairs, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) [Annuities.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) [Annuities].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to raise a sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole £. 2,000,000 sterling, by the creation of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Permanent Annuities, chargeable on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of making a Loan to the Secretary of State in Council of *India*.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy Law Amendment (recommitted) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Saturday next, resolve itself into the said Committee;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then Three of the clock on Friday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Arundel Estate Bill [*Lords.*]

The *Arundel* Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twentieth Report.

Bankrupts' Estates.

No. 328.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Bankrupts Estates, which was presented upon the 16th day of July last, be printed.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licensed Houses.)

No. 329.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licensed Houses), which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Malta (Occupation of Inhabitants.)

No. 330.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Malta* (Occupation of Inhabitants), which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Revenue, Taxation, and Population.

No. 331.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Revenue, Taxation, and Population, which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Board of Trade Inquiries.

No. 332.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Board of Trade Inquiries, which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Turkey (No. 9, 1879) (Treaty of Berlin.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Proceedings of the Commission constituted under Article XVIII. of the Treaty of *Berlin*, to elaborate the organisation of *Eastern Roumelia*. Part I.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

University Voters.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of March last, for Returns relative to University Voters.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

East India (Rajputana Railway.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of July last, for a Return relative to *East India* (*Rajputana* Railway).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Fog Signals.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of July last, for a Return relative to Fog Signals.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Private Bill Committees.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to Private Bill Committees.

Vaccination Acts (Persons Imprisoned, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Persons who have been Imprisoned or Fined for non-compliance with the Provisions of the Act relating to the Vaccination of Children; distinguishing Imprisonments and Fines:——The Length of Imprisonment undergone by such Persons:——The Number of Times any Person has been Imprisoned being more than once:——And, the Number and Amount of Fines paid by any Person who has been Fined more than once for the above-mentioned Offence.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, *viz.*:

Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Australian Defences.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her "Majesty, praying that She will be graciously "pleased to give directions, that there be laid "before this House, Copies of Official Reports on "*Australian* Defences, by Sir *W. F. D. Jervois* "and Colonel *Scratchley*, R.E.; and of Corres-"pondence relating thereto between those Officials, "the Governments of *New South Wales*, *Victoria*, "*South Australia*, *Queensland*, *Tasmania*, *New Zea-"land*, and the Colonial Office," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 1,030,000, for Naval Stores for Building, Repairing, and Outfitting the Fleet and Coast Guard.

2. £. 842,000, for Machinery and Ships built by Contract.

3. £. 566,749, for New Works, Buildings, Yard Machinery, and Repairs.

4. £. 75,710, for Medicines, Medical Stores, &c.

5. £. 7,985, for Martial Law, &c.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 140,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 139,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [28th July] Report (Postponed Resolutions.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second and Ninth of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of July last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed:

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Supply. [30th July] Report.

Education (England and Wales.)

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,521,168, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Public Education in *England* and *Wales*, including Expenses of the Education Office in *London*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Supply [31st July] Report.

Victuals and Clothing (Seamen and Marines.)

Admiralty Office.

Coast Guard (Naval Reserve, &c.)

Scientific Departments.

Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad.

Medical Establishments.

Marine Divisions.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,003,375, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 185,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 193,870, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, Royal Naval Reserve, and Seamen and Marine Pensioners Reserve, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 105,576, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the several Scientific Departments of the Navy, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,355,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 76,570, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 67,030, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 21,408, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Marine Divisions, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of July last, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) [Annuities.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) [Annuities], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to raise a Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole £. 2,000,000 sterling, by the creation of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* Permanent Annuities, chargeable on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of making a Loan to the Secretary of State in Council of *India*.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. *Edward Stanhope*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. *Raikes* do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Offices (Fees) Bill.

The Public Offices (Fees) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Merchant Shipping (Hospitals in Foreign Ports.) No. 333.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Further Correspondence relating to Hospitals for *British* Seamen in Foreign Ports (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 149, of Session 1878-9).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Standing Orders.

The House was moved, That Standing Order, No. 91, relative to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Standing Order be suspended.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three shall be the Quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Goffin's Certificate. No. 334.

Mr. *Lowe* reported from the Select Committee on Mr. *Goffin's* Certificate; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Metropolitan Water Companies. No. 335.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of Accounts of the Metropolitan Water Companies for the year 1878, which have been prepared in pursuance of "The Metropolis Water Act, 1871."

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Summary Jurisdiction Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Alloa Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Alloa* Railway Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill. Bill 274.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Bankruptcy Law Amendment (re-committed) Bill.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill. Bill 275.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to make provision for raising the sum required for the purposes of the Advance authorised by "The *Indian* Advance Act, 1879": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Malta (Cost of Police, &c.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "in the opinion of this House, the cost of "maintaining the Police, and of draining, repairing, lighting, cleaning, and watering the streets, "&c., in *Malta*, should be paid out of a rate upon "house and other property (upon which, at present, no rates or taxes of any kind whatever are "levied), and not, *inter alia*, out of a tax upon "wheat and other grain for food, and upon potatoes and other vegetables, which as a matter of "fact, actually takes more *per* head from the very "poor who live in cellars than it takes *per* head "from those who live in the best houses in the streets "and squares; and the House is therefore further "of opinion that it is the duty of Her Majesty's "Government to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the abolition of the taxes on "food in *Malta* on and from the 1st day of "January 1881," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 2nd August, 1879:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	120.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Plimsoll*, Mr. *Isaac*:	62.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 140,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 139,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of

of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 139,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 210,250, for the Freight of Ships, and for the Conveyance of Troops and Stores on account of the Army Department.

3. £. 145,836, for the Expenses of *Greenwich* Hospital and School.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 222,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 221,909, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 221,909, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

4. £. 82,949, to complete the Sum for the *British* Museum, including the Amount required for Furniture, Fittings, &c.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

1. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. That the principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of any period not exceeding Three Years from the Date of such Bonds.

Exchequer Bonds.

3. That the Interest of all such Exchequer Bonds shall be paid half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "at Two of "the clock."

And the Question being put, That the words "at Two of the clock" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 70.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Ernest Noel*: } 2.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant July, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish* Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses);

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

Ordered, That the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Occupation Roads Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Occupation Roads Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Training Ships (Irish Boys.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Boys of *Irish* Birth at present serving on each of the Training Ships in the Royal Navy.

Income Tax (Great Britain.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for each of the years 1848, 1853, 1858, 1863, 1868, 1873, and 1878, showing—

(1.) The Gross Amount of the Annual Value of Lands with Tithes commuted under the Tithe Commutation Act assessed under Schedule (A.) of the Income Tax Acts in respect of the Property therein;

(2.) The Gross Amount of Annual Value of Lands charged under Schedule (B.) of the Income Tax Acts in respect of the Occupation thereof;

(3.) The Gross Amount of Profits charged under Schedule (D.) of the Income Tax Act;

And, so far as can be estimated, the Amount of Revenue that would have been derived therefrom at One Penny in the Pound, under each of the foregoing heads.

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) (Warning to Remove.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Time of Warning to remove in the case of Agricultural Holdings in *Scotland:* And that Sir *Alexander Gordon*, Mr. *M'Lagan*, and Mr. *James Barclay* do prepare, and bring it in.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 276.

The Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) (Warning to Remove.) Bill 277.

Sir *Alexander Gordon* presented a Bill to extend the Time of Warning to remove in the case of Agricultural Holdings in *Scotland:* And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

Saturday, 2nd August, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions. Vide Twentieth Report.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Electors, &c. No. 336.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Electors, &c., which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Fog Signals. No. 337.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fog Signals, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

Private Bill Committees. No. 338.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Private Bill Committees, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

Army (Debts of Deserters.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Debts of Deserters, during the years 1877–8 and 1878–9, in every Branch of the Service, both at Home and Abroad, in a Tabular Form:—

Debts of Deserters who have not been recovered to the Service.	Proportion of Debts liable to be paid by the Officers Commanding Troops, Batteries, or Companies.	Proportion of Debts liable to be Paid by the Public.	Balance of Debts due by Men who have rejoined from Desertion.			
			To Officers Commanding Troops, Batteries, or Companies.		To the Public.	
			On 31st March 1878.	On 31st March 1879.	On 31st March 1878.	On 31st March 1879.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Dundalk and Ardee Unions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Correspondence between the Local Government Board, *Ireland*, and the Guardians of the *Dundalk* Board of Guardians and other Parties with reference to a reduction or rearrangement of Salaries of Officials connected with that Union:——And, similar Return for *Ardee* Union.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 222,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 201,801, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum,

a Sum, not exceeding £. 266,766, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Public Education in *Scotland:*

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £. 12,771, to complete the Sum for the National Gallery.

4. £. 1,710, to complete the Sum for the National Portrait Gallery.

5. £. 11,050, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenditure of certain Learned Societies in *Great Britain* and *Ireland.*

6. £. 8,076, to complete the Sum for the University of *London.*

7. £. 3,000, to complete the Sum for the Expense of preparing an Account of the Scientific Results of the Expedition of Her Majesty's Ship "*Challenger*" in 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876, to investigate the Physical and Biological Conditions of the Great Ocean Basins, and of arranging the Collections made during the Expedition.

8. £. 1,500, to complete the Sum for the Annuity to the Board of Trustees of Manufactures in *Scotland*, in discharge of equivalents under the Treaty of Union, to be applied in maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Antiquarian Museum, *Scotland*, and for the Exhibition of the *Torrie* Collection of Works of Art, and for other purposes.

9. £. 443,029, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland.*

10. £. 2,806,825, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

11. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 203,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allowances, &c. of a Number of Army Reserve First Class, not exceeding 22,000, and of the Army Reserve Second Class, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *Parnell:* } 8.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 85.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair——put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £. 197,000, be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allowances, &c. of a Number of Army Reserve First Class, not exceeding 22,000, and of the Army Reserve Second Class, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Sub-head B, £. 165,000, Pay of Army Reserve, be reduced by £. 25,000;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Donnell:* } 4.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:* } 64.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 392,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Commissariat, Transport, and Ordnance Store Establishments, Wages, &c., that will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [26th July] Report (Postponed Resolutions.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second and Ninth of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of July last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Supply [1st August] Report.

Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Naval Stores and Coast-guard.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,030,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Stores for Building, Repairing, and Outfitting the Fleet and Coast Guard, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Machinery and Ships Built by Contract.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 842,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Machinery and Ships built by Contract, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

New Works Buildings.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 566,749, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of New Works, Buildings, Yard Machinery, and Repairs, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Medicines, Medical Stores, &c.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 75,710, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Medicines, Medical Stores, &c, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Martial Law, &c. (Navy.)

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

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The first Four Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fifth Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

Ordered, That the Resolution which has been postponed be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Chartered Banks (Colonial.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further Provision with respect to certain Chartered Banking (Colonial) Companies:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provision with respect to certain Chartered Banking (Colonial) Companies, and for other purposes relating thereto.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Raikes* accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provision with respect to certain Chartered Banking (Colonial) Companies, and for other purposes relating thereto: And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Expiring Laws Continuance.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And that Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill. Bill 278.

Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* presented a Bill to make further Provision with respect to certain Chartered Banking (Colonial) Companies, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill. Bill 279.

Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* presented a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

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PRAYERS.

Liverpool Lighting Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the *Liverpool* Lighting Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Alloa Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Alloa* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twentieth Report.

Penal Servitude Acts Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Commissioners, Appendix, and Analysis, and Index of Evidence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majestg's Command,—Copy of Rules of Procedure under Section 69 of the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879.

Army (Soldiers and Marines Drowned.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Army (Soldiers and Marines Drowned).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Stamped Forms (Scotland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of July last, for a Return relative to Stamped Forms (*Scotland*).

Public Works Loan Board.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board (1878-79).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Blantyre Colliery.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Special Report to the Secretary of State on the *Blantyre* Colliery, dated the 31st day of October 1878, by Messrs *Joseph Dickinson* and *Ralph Moore*, Inspectors of Mines.

East India Cotton Duties.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Opinions of Members of the *Indian* Council in reference to the approval by the Secretary of State for *India* in Council of the reduction of the *Indian* Cotton Duties, as communicated to the Government of *India* in the Despatch on the Budget of 1879-80.

Thanks of the House (Military Operations in Afghanistan.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Thanks of this House be given to the Right Honourable Lord *Lytton*, G.C.B., Viceroy

Viceroy and Governor General of *India*, and to General Sir *Frederick Paul Haines*, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., C.I.E., Commander in Chief in *India*, for the ability and judgment with which the resources of the *British* Empire in *India* have been applied to the support of the Military operations in *Afghanistan*;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "to the "Right Honourable Lord *Lytton*, G.C.B., Viceroy "and Governor General of *India*."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 148.

Tellers for the Noes, { Major *O'Gorman*, Mr. *O'Donnell*: } 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed;

And the Previous being put, That that Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 140.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Wilfrid Lawson*, Mr. *O'Donnell*: } 28.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to the Right Honourable Lord *Lytton*, G.C.B., Viceroy and Governor General of *India*, and to General Sir *Frederick Paul Haines*, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., C.I.E., Commander in Chief in *India*, for the ability and judgment with which the resources of the *British* Empire in *India* have been applied to the support of the Military operations in *Afghanistan*.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to,—

Lieutenant General Sir *Donald Martin Stewart*, K.C.B.;

Lieutenant General Sir *Samuel James Browne*, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C.;

Lieutenant General Sir *Frederick Francis Maude*, K.C.B., V.C.;

Major General Sir *Michael Anthony Shrapnell Biddulph*, K.C.B.;

Major General Sir *Frederick Sleigh Roberts*, K.C.B., V.C.;

and the other Officers of the Army, both *European* and Native, for the intrepidity, skill, and perseverance displayed by them in the Military operations in *Afghanistan*, and for their indefatigable zeal and exertions throughout the late Campaign.

Resolved, That this House doth highly approve and acknowledge the valour and perseverance displayed by the Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers, both *European* and Native, employed in *Afghanistan*, and that the same be signified to them by the Commanders of the several Corps, who are desired to thank them for their gallant behaviour.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be transmitted by Mr. Speaker to the Viceroy and Governor General of *India*; and that his Lordship be requested to communicate the same to the several Officers referred to therein.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in view of the large and increas- "ing expenditure for Military purposes in *South* "*Africa*, this House is of opinion that the Colonies "of the *Cape of Good Hope* and *Natal* ought to be "required to contribute a due proportion of the "Military expenditure incurred in the interests of "those Colonies, and which cannot with justice be "made a charge upon the *British* Exchequer," instead thereof.

South Africa (Military Expenditure.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*;

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Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,007,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, Fuel, Transport and other Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £. 801,600, for the Clothing Establishments, Services, and Supplies.

4. £. 34,400, for Miscellaneous Effective Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 232,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 35,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals (In-Pensions), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *Dillwyn*: } 11.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 88.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. £. 1,186,000, for Out-Pensions.

6. £. 178,600, for Superannuation Allowances.

7. £. 37,800, for Non-Effective Charge for Militia, Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Corps.

8. £. 1,100,000, in aid of Army Estimates, to provide for the Home Charges incurred for the Regular Forces serving in *India*.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Summary Jurisdiction Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Supply [1st August] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Miscellaneous Services.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 140,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Army Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 210,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense for the Freight of Ships, and for the Conveyance of Troops and Stores on account of the Army Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Greenwich Hospital and School.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 145,836, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of *Greenwich* Hospital and School, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

British Museum.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 82,949, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the *British* Museum, including the Amount required for Furniture, Fittings, &c.

The first Three Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fourth Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

Ordered, That the Resolution which has been postponed be taken into consideration this day.

Supply [2nd August] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Science and Art Department.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 222,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Science and Art Department, and of the Establishments connected therewith.

Public Education (Scotland.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 266,766, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Public Education in *Scotland*.

National Gallery.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 12,771, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery.

National Portrait Gallery.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,710, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.

Learned Societies.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 11,050, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Grants in Aid of the Expenditure of certain Learned Societies in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

University of London.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 8,076, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of *London*.

Scientific Results of the Expedition of Her Majesty's Ship "Challenger," &c.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of preparing an Account of the Scientific Results of the Expedition of Her Majesty's Ship "*Challenger*" in 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876, to investigate the Physical and Biological Conditions of the Great Ocean Basins, and of arranging the Collections made during the Expedition.

Board of Trustees of Manufactures in Scotland.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Annuity to the Board of Trustees of Manufactures in *Scotland*, in discharge of Equivalents under the Treaty of Union, to be applied in maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Antiquarian Museum, *Scotland*, and for the Exhibition of the *Torrie* Collection of Works of Art, and for other purposes.

National Education (Ireland.)

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 443,029, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland*.

Post Office Savings Banks, &c.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,806,825, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Army Reserve.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 203,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allowances, &c. of a Number of Army Reserve First Class, not exceeding 22,000, and of the Army Reserve Second Class, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Commissariat, Transport, and Ordnance Store Establishments, Wages, &c.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 392,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Commissariat, Transport, and Ordnance Store Establishments, Wages, &c., that will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The first Eleven Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Twelfth Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£. 392,400," in order to insert "£. 391,900," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£. 392,400" stand part of the said Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Supply [28th July] Report (Postponed Resolutions.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second and Ninth of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of July last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 2nd day of this instant August, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 280.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Offices (Fees) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices (Fees) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy Law Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of July last, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill.

The Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Boundary Commission (England and Wales) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boundary Commission (*England* and *Wales*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Industrial Enterprise (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Enterprise (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish* Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Prevention of Crime.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the minimum Term of Penal Servitude in the case of a previous Conviction; and to amend the Law with respect to the Notifications and Reports made under Sections Five and Eight of "The Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871": And that Mr. Secretary *Cross* and Sir *Matthew Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Prevention of Crime Bill. Bill 281.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the minimum Term of Penal Servitude in the case of a previous Conviction; and to amend the Law with respect to the Notifications and Reports made under Sections Five and Eight of "The Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Navy and Army Expenditure, 1877-8.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Savings and Deficiencies upon the Grants for Navy and Army Services in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1878, and the temporary sanction obtained from the Treasury by the Navy and Army Departments to Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 25th day of February last, and upon the 6th day of March last, be referred to the Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Twentieth Report.

Public Works Loan Board. No. 339.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Public Works Loan Board, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India (Trade.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Annual Statement of the Trade of *British India* with *British* Possessions and Foreign Countries for the five years 1873-74 to 1877-78.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Criminal and Judicial Statistics (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Criminal and Judicial Statistics (*Ireland*), 1878. Part I. Police.—Criminal Proceedings.—Prisons.—Part II. Civil Proceedings in Central and Larger and Smaller District Courts.

Marriages, Births, and Deaths (Ireland.)

Copy of Fifteenth Detailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in *Ireland*, 1878.

Queen's College, Belfast.

Copy of the Report of the President of *Queen's* College, *Belfast*, for the Session 1878-79.

Blantyre Colliery.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to *Blantyre* Colliery.

Irish Fisheries.

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to *Irish* Fisheries.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Finance Accounts

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Financial Year 1878-79, ended 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Cyprus (No. 6, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for 1879-80.

Cyprus (No. 7, 1879.)

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for 1878-79.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Railways (Continuous Brakes.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return, in pursuance of the Railway Returns (Continuous Brakes) Act, 1878, by the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the Six months ending the 30th day of June 1879.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Lunacy.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Thirty-third Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "it is inexpedient, at this period of the "Session, to proceed with a measure of such high "importance; and that the appointment of a "Royal Commission, with instructions to confer "with the heads of existing Universities and of "collegiate institutions, affords the surest means of "enabling Parliament to arrive next Session at a "satisfactory solution of the problem of higher "education in *Ireland*," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Foundation of University).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Offices (Fees) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Offices (Fees) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill. Bill 282.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Standing Orders.

Mr. *Mowbray* reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

That, in the case of the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance [Salaries.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the continuance of the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries of the additional Charity Commissioners and Secretary appointed under "The Endowed Schools Act, 1874," in pursuance of any Act of

of the present Session for continuing the powers of making Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts;

Lord *George Hamilton*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Merchant Seamen (Colour Blindness.) No. 340.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Papers relating to Colour Blindness in Candidates for Examination for Masters' or Mates' Certificates.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of July last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the School Boards (Duration of Loans) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

New Forest Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *New Forest* Act (1877) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *East Indian* Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Bill, without any Amendment.

Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Halesowen* Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Derby Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Derby* Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Llandisilio Commissioners Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Llandisilio* Commissioners Bill, without any Amendment.

Ballymena and Portglenone Railway Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Border Summons Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the Service of Summonses in the Border Counties; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Foundation of University).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word "by," to insert the word "supplementary."

Question proposed, That the word "supplementary" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Constitution of University).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1. ls. 18 and 19, after the word "University," to insert the words "the president or other head of each of the "Colleges of the said University."

Question, That those words be there inserted——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the word "alternate."

Question, That the word "alternate" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to leave out the word "six," in order to insert the word "eighteen."

Question put, That the word "six" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 167.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Parker*: } 44.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "six" to insert the words "at "every election of such elected members of the "Senate, each member of Convocation shall have "as many votes as there are persons to be elected, "and shall be entitled to accumulate them or dis-"tribute them at his pleasure."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out from the word "degree" to the word "act," in l. 9, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Convocation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, after the word "graduates," to insert the words "and of "professors of the University."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Mr. *Osborne Morgan*: } 57.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 174.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out the words "and other persons."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

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Question put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 5 to N° 7, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8 (Examinations).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out from the word "examinations" to the word "necessary," in l. 2, inclusive, in order to insert the words "both of men and women."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, after the word "for," to insert the words "degrees and "such."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10 (Dissolution of *Queen's* University).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 21, after the word

word "graduates," to insert the words "in arts "with honours, or graduates in medicine, law, or "engineering, who have passed with honours the "first University examination in arts."

Question, That those words be there inserted ——put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11 (Transfer of property).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, after the word "University," to insert the words "and the "endowments of the *Queen's* Colleges."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *O'Donnell*, Mr. *Synan*: } 33.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 130.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Saving for *Queen's* Colleges).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "and the professors of the said "colleges shall be called or designated, as at pre-"sent, University professors; and the said colleges "shall be hereafter called or designated *Queen's* "University Colleges."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause added.

Another Clause (Senate to prepare scheme) —— brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Dr. *Lyon Playfair*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 21.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 128.

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair: —Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (Martial Law, &c.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution relative to Martial Law, &c., which, upon the 2nd day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day.

Supply [28th July] Report (Postponed Resolutions.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the 2nd and 9th of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of July last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed; and the same were again read, as follow:

Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Offices.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,340, be grnted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

Prisons (Ireland.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,661, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

The First Resolution was agreed to.

The Second Resolution was again postponed.

Ordered, That the Resolution which has been postponed be taken into further consideration this day.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (British Museum.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution relative to the *British* Museum, which, upon the 4th day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day.

Supply [28th July] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

South Africa (War.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenditure which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in consequence of the War in *South Africa*.

Provisions, Forage, &c.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,007,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, Fuel, Transport and other Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Clothing Establishments, Services, and Supplies.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 801,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Clothing Establishments, Services, and Supplies, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Miscellaneous Effective Services.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 34,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Miscellaneous Effective Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Out-Pensions.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,186,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Out-Pensions, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Superannuation Allowances (Army.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 178,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Superannuation Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Militia, Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Corps.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 37,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Non-effective Charge for Militia, Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Corps, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Forces serving in India (Home Charges.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, in aid of Army Estimates, to provide for the Home Charges incurred for the Regular Forces serving in *India*, which will come in

in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

The Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection:—Viscount *Crichton*, Mr. *Kavanagh*, and Mr. *Callan* were accordingly nominated Members of the said Committee.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Lunacy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Boundary Commission (England and Wales.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boundary Commission (*England* and *Wales*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish* Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Channel Islands (Applicability of Acts) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the *Channel Islands* (Applicability of Acts) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 6th August, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

Finance Accounts (1878-9.)

Ordered, That the Finance Accounts for 1878-9, which were presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 341.

Lunacy.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lunacy, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 342.

Egypt (No. 4, 1879) (Firmans by the Sultans.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Firmans granted by the Sultans to the Viceroys of *Egypt*, 1841—1873, with Correspondence relating thereto.

China (No. 2, 1879) (Mr. Baber.)

Copy of Report by Mr. *Baber* of his Journey to *Ta-chien-lu*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

Navy (Tonnage of Ships.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Tonnage of the Ships and Vessels of the Royal Navy, expressed both in "Builders' Measurement" and in "Tons Weight of Hull."

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

Bill 283.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause—

(Senate to prepare scheme.)

(And whereas it is desirable to promote the advancement of learning in *Ireland* by means of the creation, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships,

ships, and other prizes, and also by the erection of suitable buildings in connection with the University to be established under the said Charter: Be it Enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Senate, within twelve months after their first appointment, to prepare and forward to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, a scheme for the better advancement of University Education in *Ireland*, by the provision of buildings, including examination rooms and a library, in connection with the University to be founded under any such Charter, and by the establishment of exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, and other prizes, or any of such matters, in which scheme the following conditions shall be observed:—

(1.) The said several exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, and other prizes shall be awarded for proficiency in subjects of secular education, and not in respect of any subject of religious instruction:

(2.) They shall be open to all students matriculating or who have matriculated in the University, and the scheme may propose that they shall be awarded in respect of either relative or absolute proficiency, and that they shall be subject to any conditions as to the age of the candidates, their standing in the University, their liability to perform duty, and otherwise, as the Senate shall think expedient;

(3.) In fixing the value and number of the said several exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, and other prizes, the Senate shall have regard to the advantages of a similar kind offered by the University of *Dublin* and *Trinity* College to students matriculated in that University, so as to avoid as far as possible any injury to the advancement of learning in that University and College;

(4.) Provision shall be made that no student holding any exhibition, scholarship, fellowship, or other similar prize in any other University, or in any college attached to a University, or in any college endowed with public money, shall hold any of the said exhibitions, scholarships, followships, or other prizes in the University to be created by the said Charter without taking the value of such previous exhibition, scholarship, fellowship, or other similar prize into account.

Such scheme shall, within three weeks after the same shall have been forwarded by the Senate to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, be laid before both Houses of Parliament if Parliament is sitting, or, if not, then within three weeks after the beginning of the next ensuing Session of Parliament).

Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the words "moneys to be provided by Parliament," in order to insert the words "the funds of the Com-"missioners of the Temporalities of the Church of "*Ireland*."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, after the first word "prizes," to insert the words "including "the payments to the heads or other governing "bodies of colleges of fees dependent on the results "of public examinations of students."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "colleges," to insert the words "which the Senate approves as having an "efficient curriculum of education.."

Question, That those words be inserted in the proposed Amendment——put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the words "including the "payments to the heads or other governing bodies "of colleges which the Senate approves as having "an efficient curriculum of education, of fees de-"pendent on the results of public examinations of "students," be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Colonel *Tottenham*, Mr. *Morris:*	62.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn:*	151.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 9, to leave out the words "buildings, including."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in ls. 18 and 19, to leave out the words "they shall be awarded in "respect of either relative or absolute proficiency, "and that."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 20, to leave out the word "any," in order to insert the word "such."

Question proposed, That the word "any" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 22, after the word "expedient" to insert the words "Pro-"vided always, That such exhibitions, scholar-"ships, fellowships, and other prizes as may be "awarded in respect of absolute proficiency, shall "be paid only to students who shall have pursued "their studies in a college in *Ireland* for at least "six months of the twelve months immediately "preceding the period of the examinations."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 34, to leave out from the word "charter" to the word "ac-"count," in 35, inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—— put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "together with the "name of each member of the Senate; and the "name of any person from time to time nominated or "elected to fill any vacant seat in the Senate shall "be in like manner laid before Parliament."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out from the word "Senate" to the word "Parliament."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment——put, and negatived.

Question, That the words "together with the "name of each member of the Senate" be added at the end of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

Another Clause added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Two of the clock; and be printed.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (Martial Law, &c.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution relative to Martial Law, &c., which, upon the 2nd day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Supply [28th July] Report (Postponed Resolution) (Prisons, Ireland.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Resolution relative to Prisons (*Ireland*) which, upon the 29th day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

Supply [1st August] (Postponed Resolution) (British Museum.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution relative to the *British* Museum, which, upon the 4th day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

1. *Resolved*, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum, not exceeding £. 1,200,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. *Resolved*, That the Principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of any period not exceeding Three years from the date of such Bonds.

Exchequer Bonds.

3. *Resolved*, That the Interest of all such Exchequer Bonds shall be paid half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Raikes* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Crime Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Navy and Army Expenditure, 1877–8.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1877–8.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Services.

1. *Resolved*, That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account, for the year ended 31st March 1878, that the Balances unexpended in respect of certain Votes for Navy Services for the said year amounted to the Sum of £. 114,783 4 *s.* 11 *d.*, *viz.*:—

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Vote 1. Wages to Seamen and Marines	1,672	17	1
Vote 3. Admiralty Office - - -	152	9	8
Vote 4. Coast Guard Service (Royal Naval Reserve) - - - -	14,571	17	4
Vote 5. Scientific Branch - - -	8,794	10	7
Vote 7. Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad - - - - - - -	1,449	17	5
Vote 8. Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad - - - - -	627	19	3
Vote 9. Marine Divisions - - -	829	6	7
Vote 10. Naval Stores, &c.:— Section 1. Naval Stores -	34,677	4	9
Vote 11. New Works, Buildings, Machinery, &c. - - - - -	38,622	16	6
Vote 12. Medicines and Medical Stores -	1,945	6	2
Vote 13. Martial Law and Law Charges -	22	14	2
Vote 15. Half Pay, Retired Pay, &c. -	10,146	9	5
Vote 16. Military and Civil Pensions, &c.:— Section 2. Civil Pensions and Allowances - - -	1,269	16	–
	£. 114,783	4	11

Navy Services.

2. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of the said Sum of £. 114,783 4 *s.* 11 *d.*, to provide in part for the following Amounts of Expenditure incurred in excess of certain other Votes for Navy Services for the said year, *viz.*:—

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Vote 2. Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines - - - -	27,169	10	2
Vote 6. Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad - - -	44,751	4	11
Vote 10. Naval Stores, &c.:— Section 2. Steam Machinery and Ships built by Contract	1,522,537	6	2
Vote 14. Miscellaneous Services - -	57,887	11	2
Vote 16. Military and Civil Pensions, &c.:— Section 1. Military Pensions and Allowances - - -	1,606	6	11
Vote 17. Army Department (Conveyance of Troops) - - - - - -	249,615	10	10
Amount written off as irrecoverable -	3,630	18	1
	£. 1,907,198	8	3

3. *Resolved*, That the said application be sanctioned.

Army Services.

4. *Resolved*, That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account, for the year ended the 31st March 1878, that the Balances unexpended in respect of certain Votes for Army Services for the said

said year, were as follows, amounting to the Sum of £. 184,943 1 *s.* 0 *d.*, *viz.*:—

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Vote 5. Militia Pay and Allowances -	50,975	10	4
Vote 6. Yeomanry Calvary - - -	4,435	9	1
Vote 8. Army Reserve (including Enrolled Pensioners) - - - -	23,192	10	5
Vote 9. Commissariat, &c. Establishments - - - - - - -	822	6	9
Vote 14. Establishments for Military Education - - - - - -	3,894	18	5
Vote 15. Miscellaneous Services - -	2,794	15	7
Vote 16. Administration of the Army -	2,749	13	5
Vote 18. Pay of General Officers - -	16,708	18	8
Vote 19. Full Pay of Retired, &c. Officers, and Half Pay - - -	50,935	15	2
Vote 20. Widows' Pensions, &c. - -	5,227	6	11
Vote 21. Pensions for Wounds - -	192	13	2
Vote 22. *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals - - - - - - - -	841	3	2
Vote 24. Superannuation Allowances -	14,962	12	11
Vote 25. Militia, Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Corps - - - -	7,209	7	–
	£. 184,943	1	–

5. *Resolved*, That it further appears from the said Account that the Sum of £. 73,831 7 *s.* 4 *d.* was realised in the said year in excesss of the estimated Appropriations in Aid.

Army Services.

6. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of the said Sums, amounting together to the Total Sum of £. 258,774 8 *s.* 4 *d.*, to provide in part for the following Amounts of Expenditure incurred in excess of certain other Votes for Army Services for the said year, *viz.*:—

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
Vote 1. General Staff and Regimental Pay, &c. - - - - - - -	1,532	3	11
Vote 2. Divine Service - - -	751	18	9
Vote 3. Martial Law - - - -	937	9	4
Vote 4. Medical Establishments and Supplies - - - - - - -	76,248	14	2
Vote 7. Volunteer Corps - - -	2,651	15	4
Vote 10. Provisions, Forage, Fuel, &c. -	282,508	5	1
Vote 11. Clothing Establishment, &c. -	460,699	9	3
Vote 12. Supply, &c. of Warlike and other Stores - - - - - -	612,691	10	8
Vote 13. Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home or Abroad - - - -	100,137	9	4
Vote 17. Rewards for distinguished Services - - - - - - - -	5,140	7	8
Vote 23. Out Pensions - - - -	120,129	18	6
Amount written off as irrecoverable -	399	8	7
	£. 1,063,828	10	7

7. *Resolved*, That the said application be sanctioned.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Public Offices (Fees) Bill.

The Public Offices (Fees) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Bye-laws as to traffic) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

A Clause (Returns as to burials) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance [Salaries.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Endowed Schools Acts Continuance [Salaries].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries of the additional Charity Commissioners and Secretary appointed under "The Endowed Schools Act, 1874," in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for continuing the powers of making Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Judicial Factors (*Scotland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Tipperary Boroughs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Tipperary* Boroughs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish* Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Navy (Admiral Fanshawe's Memorandum.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Admiral *Fanshawe*'s Memorandum issued to Her Majesty's Ships at *Portsmouth*, consequent on the Meeting of Petty Officers.

Jersey (Ecclesiastical Districts.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return containing the following Official Documents:—

(1.) Representation à sa Majesté en Conseil preparée par le Comité des Districts Ecclesiastiques, logée au Greffe le 14e jour d'Août 1876;

(2.) Rapport du Comité des Etats de l'Ile de *Jersey* touchant les Districts Ecclesiastiques avec un Projet d'Acte y relatif, logé au Greffe le 2 Avril 1875.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875": And that Mr. Secretary *Cross* and Sir *Matthew Ridley* do prepare, and bring it in.

Business of the House.

The Order for taking into further consideration, To-morrow, the proposed Resolutions relating to the Business of the House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant August.

Border Summons Bill [*Lords.*] Bill 284.

The Border Summons Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill. Bill 285.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill. Bill 286.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Petroleum Act, 1871, Amendment Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill. Bill 287.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented a Bill to amend "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock; and to be printed.

Law of Libel. No. 343.

The Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on the Law of Libel; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Co-operative Stores. No. 344.

Sir *Massey Lopes* reported from the Select Committee on Co-operative Stores; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.

Thursday, 7th August, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Twentieth Report.)

SIR *Charles Forster* reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st days of July last, and 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th days of this instant August, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

A Motion being made, That the *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill be now read the third time;

Sir *John Hay*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Standing Orders.

Standing Order No. 13 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

(Notice to Owners and Lessees of Railways, Tramways, or Canals crossed, affected, or interfered with by proposed Tramway.)

On or before the 15th day of December immediately preceding the application for any Bill for laying down a Tramway crossing any Railway or Tramway on the level, or crossing any Railway, Tramway, or Canal by means of a Bridge, or otherwise affecting or interfering with such Railway, Tramway, or Canal, Notice in writing of such application shall be served upon the Owner or reputed Owner, and upon the Lessee or reputed Lessee of such Railway, Tramway, or Canal, and such Notice shall state the place or places at which the plans of the Tramway to be authorised by such Bill have been or will be deposited.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

East India (Rajputana Railway.) No. 345.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (*Rajputana* Railway), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

Highways (England and Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Abstract of the General Statements of the Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Highways of the several Parishes, Townships, &c. in *England* and *Wales*, for the year ended 25th March 1877.

Highways (England and Wales.)

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ways of the several Parishes, Townships, &c. in *England* and *Wales*, for the year ended 25th March 1878.

Turnpike Roads (South Wales.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Statements of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Turnpike Roads in *South Wales*, for 1877; with Estimates for 1878.

Turnpike Roads (South Wales.)

Annual Statements of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Turnpike Roads in *South Wales*, for 1878; with Estimates for 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Post Office.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-fifth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office.

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 29th July 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the Admiralty on their retirement under the Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Alkali Acts, 1863 and 1874.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Annual Reports by the Inspector under the Alkali Acts, 1863 and 1874 of his proceedings during the years 1877 and 1878.

Saint George's Union Infirmary.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of July last, for a Return relative to *Saint George's* Union Infirmary.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sugar Industries (Commercial, No. 22, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers laid before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Sugar Industries.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Private Bills introduced and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1878-9, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Roads and Bridges; Waterworks; Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Canals and Navigations; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Paving, Lighting, and Improving; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosures; Small Debt Courts; and all other Bills and Acts:——Of all the Private Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, which, in the Session of 1878-9, have been treated as Opposed Bills; specifying those which have been classified in Groups by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the First and also the Last Day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has served; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed; the Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection, or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as having become Unopposed, and the Bills withdrawn, or not proceeded with by the parties:——And, of all Private Bills which, in the Session of 1878-9, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.129, of Session 1878).

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat in the Session of 1878-9, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and Day of the Week, the Hour of the Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.132, of Session 1878).

Public Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during the present Session; showing the Number which received the Royal Assent; the Number which were passed by this House but not by the House of Lords; the Number passed by the House of Lords but not by this House; and distinguishing the Stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.143, of Session 1878).

Divisions of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House in the Session of 1878-9; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers Included; also the Aggregate Number in the House on each Division; distinguishing the Divisions on Public Business from Private; and also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.131, of Session 1878).

Select Committees.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1878-9; the Subjects of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee met, and the Number of Days each Member attended; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who moved for such Committee; also, the Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.130, of Session 1878).

Post Office Savings Banks.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks in *England, Ireland*, and *Scotland* respectively, forfeited owing to the Breach of any Condition of Deposit, from 1861 to 1878 inclusive, showing separately the Amounts respectively for the three Countries forfeited under the 38th Section of the Act of 1863.

Navy (Health.) No. 346.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the year 1878.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered,

Flogging in the Navy and Army.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons in Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces who have been punished by Flogging during the Ten years ending 31st December 1878; the Return to state the Number of Lashes in each case, and the Crime for which the Punishment was inflicted.

Navy (State of Ships, 1879-80.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the State of Ships in the Programme for 1879-80, showing where built; when launched; first Cost; Total Cost of Repairs up to taking Ship in hand for present Repair, and Cost of present Repair; Dates when commissioned and paid off; Stations on which employed; Work done up to the present time; present condition and nature of Repairs proposed now to be done (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 312, of Session 1878).

Salt Districts (Colonel Cox's Report.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report or Memorandum on the subject of the Landslips in the Salt Districts, prepared for the President of the Local Government Board by Lieutenant Colonel *Cox*, R.E.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

Mr. *Repton* reported from the Select Committee on the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Mr. John Croker (Royal Irish Constabulary.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the punishment inflicted on Mr. *John* "*Croker*, late Sub-Inspector in the Royal *Irish* "Constabulary, by reduction in rank in 1867, "and subsequent dismissal from that Force for "offences of which he declared himself to be in-"nocent, without first affording him an oppor-"tunity of proving his innocence before an inde-"pendent tribunal, was not just; and, in the "opinion of this House, such an opportunity "ought now to be given," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 8*th August*, 1879:

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £. 15,606, to complete the Sum for Grants to *Scottish* Universities.

2. £. 5,034, for the Expenses of the *Queen's* University in *Ireland*.

3. £. 12,994, in aid of the Expense of the *Queen's* Colleges in *Ireland*.

4. £. 1,330,000, for the Supply, Manufacture, and Repair of Warlike and other Stores.

5. £. 853,300, for the Superintending Establishment of, and Expenditure for, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 165,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 156,340, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Major *O'Beirne*, Mr. *Arthur Moore*:	17.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	114.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 232,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 228,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 228,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 35,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals (In-Pensions), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £. 400, for the Salary of the Chaplain of *Chelsea* Hospital, be reduced by £. 200:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. £. 5,000, for a Payment to Mr. *Edward M. Barry*, R.A., in full satisfaction of his claims upon Her Majesty's Government in connection with the preparation of Plans for the Erection of a New National Gallery.

10. £. 10,000, for Expenses preparatory to the Erection of the Museum of Science and Art in *Dublin*.

11. £. 30,000 (Supplementary Sum), year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage.

12. £. 11,966 (Supplementary Sum), year ending

ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

13. £.6,280, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Commission appointed in connection with the International Exhibitions at *Sydney* and *Melbourne*.

14. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for defraying the additional Expenditure entailed upon the Government of *Cyprus* by the Augmentation of the Police Force, rendered necessary by the reduction of the Military Garrison of the Island;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 76.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Sir *Julian Goldsmid*: } 26.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (British Museum.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution relative to the *British* Museum, which, upon the 4th day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Supply [28th July] Report (Postponed Resolution, Prisons (Ireland), &c.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Ninth of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of this instant July, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £. 111,661, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expense of the Superintendence of Prisons, and of the Maintenance of Prisoners in Prisons in *Ireland*, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (Martial Law, &c.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Resolution relative to Martial Law, &c. which, upon the 2nd day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £. 7,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

1. That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum, not exceeding £. 1,200,000, by an issue of Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.

Exchequer Bonds.

2. That the Principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at the expiration of any period not exceeding Three years from the date of such Bonds.

Exchequer Bonds.

3. That the Interest of all such Exchequer Bonds shall be paid half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill upon the Resolutions which, upon the 1st day of this instant August, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and then agreed to by the House, That they do make provision therein, pursuant to the Resolutions now reported and agreed to.

Linen and Hempen Manufactures (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Linen and Hempen Manufactures (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Game Laws Amendment (Scotland) Bill (*changed to* Game Laws Amendment Bill.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Game Laws Amendment (*Scotland*) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Civil Procedure Acts Repeal (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Debtors Act, 1869, Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 6, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Power for Board to expend under 18 & 19 *Vic.* c. 120, s. 144, and 25 & 26 *Vic.* c. 102, s. 72).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, after the word "respectively," to insert the words, "Provided always, That nothing in this section contained shall be construed to authorise the payment by the Board of any expenses incurred in the preparation or promotion of any Bills which shall have been disallowed by the auditor."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Baring*: } 15.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 53.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 8 to N° 28, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy Law Amendment (re-committed) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of July last, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance [Salaries.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Endowed Schools Acts Continuance [Salaries], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries of the additional Charity Commissioners and Secretary appointed under "The Endowed Schools Act, 1874," in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for continuing the powers of making Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill. Bill 288.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Saturday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Crime Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 47.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Rylands*: } 8.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Navy and Army Expenditure, 1877–8.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1877–78, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy Services.

1. That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account, for the year ended 31st March 1878, that the Balances unexpended in respect of certain Votes for Navy Services for the said year amounted to the Sum of £. 114,783. 4 *s.* 11 *d.*, *viz.*:—

	£.	s.	d.
Vote 1. Wages to Seamen and Marines	1,672	17	1
Vote 3. Admiralty Office - - -	152	9	8
Vote 4. Coast Guard Service (Royal Naval Reserve) - - - - -	14,571	17	4
Vote 5. Scientific Branch - - -	8,794	10	7
Vote 7. Victualling Yards at Home and Abroad - - - - - -	1,449	17	5
Vote 8. Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad - - -	627	19	3
Vote 9. Marine Divisions - - -	829	6	7
Vote 10. Naval Stores, &c.:— Section 1. Naval Stores -	34,677	4	9
Vote 11. New Works, Buildings, Machinery, &c. - - - - - -	38,622	16	6
Vote 12. Medicines and Medical Stores -	1,945	6	2

	£.	s.	d.
Vote 13. Martial Law and Law Charges	22	14	2
Vote 15. Half Pay, Retired Pay, &c. -	10,146	9	5
Vote 16. Military and Civil Pensions, &c. :—			
Section 2. Civil Pensions and Allowances - - -	1,269	16	–
£.	114,783	4	11

Navy Services.

2. That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of the said Sum of £. 114,783. 4 *s.* 11 *d.*, to provide in part for the following Amounts of Expenditure incurred in excess of certain other Votes for Navy Services for the said year, *viz.* :—

	£.	s.	d.
Vote 2. Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines - - - - - -	27,169	10	2
Vote 6. Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad - - - -	44,751	4	11
Vote 10. Naval Stores, &c. :—			
Section 2. Steam Machinery and Ships built by Contract	1,522,537	6	2
Vote 14. Miscellaneous Services - -	57,887	11	2
Vote 16. Military and Civil Pensions, &c. :—			
Section 1. Military Pensions and Allowances - - -	1,606	6	11
Vote 17. Army Department (Conveyance of Troops) - - - - - - -	249,615	10	10
Amount written off as irrecoverable -	3,630	18	1
£.	1,907,198	8	3

3. That the said application be sanctioned.

Army Services.

4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account, for the year ended the 31st March 1878, that the Balances unexpended in respect of certain Votes for Army Services for the said year, were as follows, amounting to the Sum of £. 184,943. 1 *s.*, *viz.* :—

	£.	s.	d.
Vote 5. Militia Pay and Allowances -	50,975	10	4
Vote 6. Yeomanry Cavalry- - -	4,435	9	1
Vote 8. Army Reserve (including Enrolled Pensioners) - - - - -	23,192	10	5
Vote 9. Commissariat, &c. Establishments - - - - - - - -	822	6	9
Vote 14. Establishments for Military Education - - - - - - -	3,894	18	5
Vote 15. Miscellaneous Services - -	2,794	15	7
Vote 16. Administration of the Army -	2,749	13	5
Vote 18. Pay of General Officers - -	16,708	18	8
Vote 19. Full Pay of Retired, &c. Officers, and Half Pay - - - -	50,935	15	2
Vote 20. Widows' Pensions, &c. - -	5,227	6	11
Vote 21. Pensions for Wounds - -	192	13	2
Vote 22. *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals - - - - - - - -	841	3	2
Vote 24. Superannuation Allowances -	14,962	12	11
Vote 25. Militia, Yeomanry Cavalry, and Volunteer Corps - - - -	7,209	7	–
£.	184,943	1	–

5. That it further appears from the said Account that the Sum of £. 73,831. 7 *s.* 4 *d.* was realised in the said year in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid.

Army Services.

6. That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of the said Sums, amounting together to the Total Sum of £. 258,774. 8 *s.* 4 *d.*, to provide in part for the following Amounts of Expenditure incurred in excess of certain other Votes for Army Services for the said year, *viz.* :—

	£.	s.	d.
Vote 1. General Staff and Regimental Pay, &c. - - - - - - -	1,532	3	11
Vote 2. Divine Service - - - -	751	18	9
Vote 3. Martial Law - - - - -	937	9	4
Vote 4. Medical Establishments and Supplies - - - - - - -	76,248	14	2
Vote 7. Volunteer Corps - - -	2,651	15	4
Vote 10. Provisions, Forage, Fuel, &c. -	282,508	5	1
Vote 11. Clothing Establishment, &c. -	460,699	9	3
Vote 12. Supply, &c. of Warlike and other Stores - - - - - -	612,691	10	8
Vote 13. Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home or Abroad - - - -	100,137	9	4
Vote 17. Rewards for distinguished Services - - - - - - - -	5,140	7	8
Vote 23. Out Pensions - - - - -	120,129	18	6
Amount written off as irrecoverable -	399	8	7
£.	1,663,828	10	7

7. That the said application be sanctioned.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time :—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Schools (Powers of School Boards) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Petroleum Act (1871) Amendment Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The

Tipperary Boroughs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Tipperary* Boroughs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bills of Sale (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Irish Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish* Church Act (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Contract, dated the 7th day of February 1879, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the Mails between this Country and *India* and *China*, be approved:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill. Bill 289.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented a Bill to raise a Sum by Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills, for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Four of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Derby Improvement Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Derby* Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Halesowen Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Halesowen* Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Knutsford Light and Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Knutsford* Light and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Standing Orders.

Standing Order, No. 24, was read, and amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words,—

"In cases of Bills whereby it is proposed to alter or extend the Municipal Boundary of any City, Borough, or Urban Sanitary District, a Map on a scale of not less than three inches to a mile, and also a Duplicate thereof, showing as well the present Boundaries of the City, Borough, or Urban Sanitary District as the Boundaries of the proposed Extension, shall be deposited with the Town Clerk of such City or Borough, or Clerk of such Urban Sanitary District, who shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine such Map, and to make Copies thereof."

Standing Order, No. 33, was read, and amended, by leaving out, in l. 9, the words "or Turnpike Roads"; and,

In l. 18, by inserting, after the word "relate," the words "and of every Bill relating to Turnpike Roads or Trusts, Highways, or Bridges."

Standing Order, No. 202, was read, and repealed.

New Standing Order, to follow Standing Order, No. 201:—

Ordered, That all Rates, Tolls, Charges, Duties, or Penalties of every description, the amount of Capital to be raised, and of Borrowing Powers, the Names of Directors, the Period for Completion of Works or for Purchase of Lands, the quantity of Land to be taken for extraordinary purposes, the amount of Personal Luggage to be carried free of charge, and all Charges in any way affecting the Public Revenue, which occur in the Clauses of any Private Bill, shall be printed in Italics in such Bill when presented to the House.

Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

Postal Service (India, &c.) No. 348.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Postal Service (*India*, &c.), which was presented upon the 11th day of July last, be printed.

Admiralty Courts (Belfast, &c.) No. 349.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Admiralty Courts (*Belfast*, &c.), which was presented upon the 16th day of July last, be printed.

Blantyre Colliery. No. 350.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Blantyre* Colliery, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

Irish Fisheries. No. 351.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Irish* Fisheries, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India (Statistical Abstract.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statistical Abstract relating to *British India* from 1868-9 to 1877-8. Thirteenth Number.

East India (Sanitary Measures.)

Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in *India* in 1877-8, together with Miscellaneous Information up to June 1879, Vol. XI.

Afghanistan (Nos. 7 and 8.)

Copy of Further Correspondence relating to *Afghanistan*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education (England and Wales.)

Lord *George Hamilton* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Appendix to Report of the Committee of Council on Education (*England* and *Wales*) 1878-79.

Education (Scotland.)

Copy of Appendix to Report of the Committee of Council on Education in *Scotland*, 1878-79.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Agricultural Statistics (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—General Abstracts of Agricultural Statistics in *Ireland*, 1879, showing the Acreage under Crops, also the Number and Description of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1878-79.

Poor Relief and Public Health (Scotland.)

Copy of Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor, and of Public Health in *Scotland*, 1878-79.

Polling Districts (Walsall.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Town Council of the Borough of *Walsall* dividing the Parliamentary Borough into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

High Court of Justice.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Annual Account showing the Receipts and Payments respectively of the Queen's Bench Division, the Common Pleas Division, the Exchequer Division, and the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, and of the Land Registry, in the years ended 31st March 1878 and 1879.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Patents for Inventions.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions for the year 1878.

East India (Local Government, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Copy of a Circular to all Local Governments and Administrations in *India*, dated *Simla*, the 16th day of June 1879, in explanation of the present financial position of the Government of *India*, and of the recent Orders issued regarding the reduction of Expenditure and the revision of Provincial Assignments.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Contract.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant August, That the Contract dated the 7th day of February 1879, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the Mails between this Country and *India* and *China*, be approved;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "Provided, That the period of the continuance of "the Contract be reduced from eight years to "three years."

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *John Holms*, Mr. *Rathbone*: } 54.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 142.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Contract dated the 7th day of February 1879, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the Mails between this Country and *India* and *China*, be approved.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £.34,986,621, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Supply [1st August] Report (Postponed Resolution) (British Museum.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fourth of the Resolutions which, upon the 4th day of this instant August, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £.82,949, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the *British* Museum, including the Amount required for Furniture, Fittings, &c.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Crime Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Artizans' and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Game Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Game Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

Bill 290.

The

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Civil Servants (Directors of Trading Companies.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all Civil Servants who are Directors of Public Trading Companies, with the Names of the Companies in which they are so engaged.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

East India Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *East India* Loan (Consolidated Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Easton Neston* Mineral and *Towcester*, *Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ardmillan Reclamation Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Ardmillan* Reclamation Bill, without any Amendment.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices [Expenses.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Travelling and other Expenses of any additional Judge sitting for the Trial of Election Petitions, and of the Cost of receiving such Judge, and of all other incidental Expenses in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices;

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach*, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [7th August] Report.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Scottish Universities.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 15,606, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Grants to *Scottish* Universities.

Queen's University (Ireland.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,034, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Expenses of the *Queen*'s University in *Ireland*.

Queen's Colleges (Ireland.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 12,994, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, in aid of the Expense of the *Queen*'s Colleges in *Ireland*.

Warlike and other Stores.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,330,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply, Manufacture, and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Works, Buildings, and Repairs.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 853,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Superintending Establishment of, and Expenditure for, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Military Education.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 165,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Administration of the Army.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 232,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Administration of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals (In-Pensions.)

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 35,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for *Chelsea* and *Kilmainham* Hospitals (In-Pensions), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880.

New National Gallery.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for a Payment to Mr. *Edward M. Barry*, R.A., in full satisfaction of his Claims upon Her Majesty's Government in connection with the preparation of Plans for the Erection of a New National Gallery.

Science and Art Museum (Dublin.)

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for Expenses preparatory to the Erection of the Museum of Science and Art in *Dublin*.

Mint and Coinage (Supplementary.)

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during

during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage.

Chief Secretary for Ireland (Supplementary.)

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 11,966, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* in *Dublin* and *London*, and Subordinate Departments.

International Exhibitions (Sydney) (Supplementary.)

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 6,280, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Commission appointed in connection with the International Exhibitions at *Sydney* and *Melbourne*.

Cyprus (Police.)

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, for defraying the additional Expenditure entailed upon the Government of *Cyprus* by the Augmentation of the Police Force, rendered necessary by the reduction of the Military Garrison of the Island.

The First and Second Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Third Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 130.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Parnell*, Mr. *O'Shaughnessy*: } 27.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£. 1,330,000," in order to insert "£. 1,325,000," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£. 1,330,000" stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£. 853,300," in order to insert "£. 849,440," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£. 853,300" stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£. 165,800," in order to insert "£. 165,300," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£. 165,800" stand part of the Resolution;

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the next Seven Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fourteenth Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 85.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*, Mr. *Rylands*: } 39.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Border Summons Bill [*Lords.*]

The Border Summons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant August, That the Prevention of Crime Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Civil Procedure Acts Repeal (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without further Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of July last, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill);

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1 (Power to the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise any sum not exceeding £.5,000,000).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words "Five millions," in order to insert the words "Two millions."

Question put, That the words "Five millions" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 53.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *George Campbell*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 18.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 2 to N° 7, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 8 and N° 9, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 12 and N° 13, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 14 to N° 16, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 17, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 18 to N° 20, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Chartered Banks (Colonial) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill.

The Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "this day" and adding the words "upon Monday next," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "this day" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

National Teachers (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of National Teachers in *Ireland* who were Candidates for Promotion to First Division of First Class, at the Easter Examinations in the Years 1877, 1878, and 1879, distinguishing Males from Females:——How many of these failed to obtain Promotion:——What *per-centage* of answering entitles a Candidate to Promotion:——Has this *per-centage* been variable or uniform for the Years named:——Does Failure on any particular Subject disentitle a Candidate to Promotion:——Has the Programme laid down for the Examination of Teachers seeking Promotion been adhered to in the preparation of the Questions put before Candidates for aforesaid Promotion:——And, List of the Board's Books containing the Text-books necessary for Candidates seeking Promotion.

Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

East India (Local Government, &c.) No. 352.

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to *East India* (Local Government, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House having continued to sit till Three of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report. Canonries. No. 353.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Canonries, which was presented upon the 24th day of July last, be printed.

High Court of Justice. No. 354.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the High Court of Justice, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Patents for Inventions. No. 355.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Patents for Inventions, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Navy (Steamships.) No. 356.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March last, for Returns relative to the Navy (Steamships).

Training Ships (Irish Boys.)

Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of th instant August, for a Return relative to Training Ships (*Irish* Boys).

Navy (Admiral Fanshawe's Memorandum.) No. 357.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Navy (Admiral *Fanshawe*'s Memorandum).

Naval Prize Money, &c.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,--An Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between the 1st April 1878 and the 31st March 1879.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Navy (Steamships) and Navy (Admiral *Fanshawe*'s Memorandum) be printed.

Income Tax (Great Britain.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Income Tax (*Great Britain*).

Superannuations.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th July 1879, awarding a Special Retired Allowance to Mr. *Henry Wood*, Superintending Engineer at *Portsmouth* Dockyard.

Fortifications, &c.

Account of the Moneys raised under the authority of the Acts 23 & 24 *Vic.* c. 109, 25 & 26 *Vic.* c. 78, 26 & 27 *Vic.* c. 80, 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 109, 28 & 29 *Vic.* c. 61, 30 & 31 *Vic.* c. 145, and 32 & 33 *Vic.* c. 76, to provide for the Expenses of Fortifications, &c.; the Amount of Annuities created in respect of the same; the Moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the said Expenses; and the Sums remaining to be raised and issued, under the authority of the said Acts, on the 1st April 1879; with Statement showing the Expenditure actually recorded to 31st March 1879, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Straits Settlements.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Instructions to the *British* Residents, and other Papers relating to the Protected *Malay* States.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Private Bills.

Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Sittings of the House.

Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Divisions of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Divisions of the House.

Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, for the year ending 31st December 1878, on Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions. Part I.

Flogging in the Navy and Army.

The Order, made upon the 7th day of this instant August, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Flogging in the Navy and Army, was read, and discharged.

Flogging in the Navy and Army.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons in Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces who have been punished by Flogging during the Ten years ending 31st December 1878; the Return to state the Number of Lashes in each case, and the Crime for which the Punishment was inflicted.

Civil Servants (Directors of Trading Companies.)

The Order, made upon the 8th day of this instant August, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Civil Servants (Directors of Trading Companies), was read, and discharged.

Civil Servants (Directors of Trading Companies.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all Civil Servants who are Directors of Public Trading Companies, with the Names of the Companies in which they are so engaged.

Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That the Hypothec Abolition (*Scotland*) Bill be now taken into consideration;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ways and Means.

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1880, the Sum of £. 34,986,621, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And that Mr. *Raikes*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* accordingly presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon "this day three months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Travelling and other Expenses of any additional Judge sitting for the trial of Election Petitions, and of the Cost of receiving such Judge, and of all other incidental Expenses, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to Election Petitions, and to the prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 2 (Trial of election petition before two judges);

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prevention of Crime Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Saint Giles* Cathedral (*Edinburgh*) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Saint Giles Ancient Church (Edinburgh) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to make provision in regard to the Restoration of the Ancient Church of *Saint Giles*, in the City of *Edinburgh*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Application of Act to *Ireland*), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of Act to *Scotland*), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Then Amendments were made the Bill.

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

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PRAYERS.

Easton Neston Mineral and Towcester, Roade, and Olney Junction Railway Bill.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the *Easton Neston* Mineral, and *Towcester, Roade* and *Olney* Junction Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Customs Buildings Act, 1879.
2. Highways Accounts Returns Act, 1879.
3. Commons Act, 1879.
4. *Indian* Guaranteed Railways Act, 1879.
5. Slave Trade (*East African* Courts) Act, 1879.
6. Conveyancing (*Scotland*) Act, 1874, Amendment Act, 1879.
7. Valuation of Lands (*Scotland*) Amendment Act, 1879.
8. Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879.
9. An Act to enable the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to create and issue Capital Stock in the United Kingdom in exchange for so much of the Annuity created under the *East Indian* Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879, and thereby made chargeable on the Revenues of *India*, as may be purchased by the Secretary of State under that Act.
10. Lord Clerk Register (*Scotland*) Act, 1879.
11. *Indian* Advance Act, 1879.
12. Annual Turnpike Acts Continuance Act, 1879.
13. Elementary Education (Industrial Schools) Act, 1879.
14. Petroleum Act, 1879.
15. Bills of Sale (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
16. Tramways Orders Confirmation Act, 1879.
17. *New Forest* Act, 1879.
18. *Freiston* Shore Reclamation Act, 1879.
19. *Tring* Poor's Land (Sale and Exchange) Act, 1879.
20. South *London* Tramways Act, 1879.
21. Metropolis Management (*Thames* River Prevention of Floods) Amendment Act, 1879.
22. *Blackpool* Improvement Act, 1879.
23. *Leicester* Corporation Act, 1879.
24. Metropolitan and District Railways (City Lines and Extensions) Act, 1879.
25. *Over Darwen* Improvement Act, 1879.
26. *Stafford* and *Uttoxeter* Railway Act, 1879.
27. *Nottingham* Improvement Act, 1879.
28. North *Staffordshire* Railway Act, 1879.
29. *East Indian* Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879.
30. *Brentford* and *Isleworth* Tramways Act, 1879.
31. *Llandisilio* Commissioners Act, 1879.
32. *Girvan* and *Portpatrick* Junction Railway Act, 1879.
33. *Ballymena* and *Portglenone* Railway Act, 1879.
34. *Ramsgate* and *Margate* Tramways Act, 1879.
35. *Banbury* and *Cheltenham* Direct Railway Act, 1879.
36. *Liverpool* (Corporation) Electric Lighting Act, 1879.
37. *Alloa* Railway Act, 1879.
38. *Derby* Improvement Act, 1879.
39. *Halesowen* Railway Act, 1879.
40. *Knutsford* Light and Water Act, 1879.
41. *Ardmillan* Reclamation Amendment Act, 1879.
42. *Arundel* Estate Act, 1879.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

East Indian Army.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *East Indian* Army, which was presented upon the 14th day of July last, be printed. No. 358.

Navy (Census.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Navy (Census), which was presented upon the 17th day of July last, be printed. No. 359.

Naval Prize Money, &c.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Prize Money, &c., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 360.

Fortifications, &c.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fortifications, &c., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 361.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Grants), 1879-80.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—An Abstract of the Grants made during the Sesssion of 1879, for Civil Services, and for the Revenue Departments for 1879-80, compared with the Total Original and Supplementary Grants for 1878-79. No. 362.

Copy

Inland Revenue.

Copy of Twenty-second Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue on the Inland Revenue (year ended 31st March 1879).

Revenue (1878–9.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of June last, for Returns relative to the Revenue (1878–9).

Inland Revenue (Scotland).

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Inland Revenue (*Scotland*).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Grants) 1879–80, be printed.

Police (Metropolis.)

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, for the year 1878.

Queen's College, Galway.

Copy of the Report of the President of *Queen's* College, *Galway*, for the Session 1878–79.

Local Taxation (Ireland) Returns.

Returns of Local Taxation in *Ireland*, for the year 1878, collected and compiled under the direction of the Local Government Board, by desire of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Great Britain.)

Copy of Twenty-second Report of the Inspector appointed, under the provisions of the Act 5 & 6 *Will.* 4, c. 38, to visit the certified Reformatory and Industrial Schools of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

East India (Stallions Exported.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of July last, for a Return relative to *East India* (Stallions Exported).

East India (Progress and Condition.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement exhibiting the Moral and Material Progress and Condition of *India* during the year 1877–8.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Egypt (No. 5, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Papers relating to the Affairs of *Egypt*.

Cyprus (No. 8, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Treatment of Prisoners at *Famagusta*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Agricultural Returns.

Viscount *Sandon* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Returns of *Great Britain*, with Abstract Returns for the United Kingdom, 1879.

Tramway and Gas and Water Orders.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under "The Tramways Act, 1870," and "The Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870," during the Session of 1879.

Tramways.

Viscount *Sandon* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Tramways.

Weights and Measures.

Viscount *Sandon* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on their Proceedings and Business under the Weights and Measures Act, 1878.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Afghan War (Casualties.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Deaths and other Casualties from Disease, Accident, or in Action, among the Troops, *British* and Native, engaged in the recent *Afghan* War, from the Date of the first Advance until the end of June 1879, specifying Rank and Regiment, and the nature of the Casualty.

Holloway Prison.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Prisoners in *Holloway* Prison for the year 1878, Debtors' Side, specifying, without names, the following points:—

First or Second Class.	Cause of Committal.	Sex.	Term of Committal.	Committing Authority.	Date of Committal.	Date of Discharge.	Date of Re-committal, if any.	Cause of Re-committal.	Religion.	Married or Single.

East India (Silver.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy or Extracts of Papers from Her Majesty's Representatives and Consuls in Foreign Countries having reference to the Silver Question (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 208, of the present Session).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Afghan Campaign (Casualties.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return *per* Regiment, Troop, or Battery, of the Numbers Killed or Dead of Disease or Invalided in each of the three Armies operating beyond the *Indus* in the late Campaign in *Afghanistan*, from the Date of the Advance beyond our Frontier into the *Khyber Pass*, up to the return across the *Indus*, of the Regiments ordered back at the close of the operations in the Field.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

University Education (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the University Education (*Ireland*) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Senate to make Annual Report), was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 25, by leaving out the word "six," and inserting the word "twelve."

And the Question being put, That the word "six" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 104.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Courtney*, Sir *Julian Goldsmid*: } 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by inserting, after the first word "Majesty," the words "Provided always, "That one-half of such persons so nominated by "Her Majesty shall be graduates of the said University."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to

to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by leaving out the words "that they shall be awarded in respect of either "relative or absolute proficiency and."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 117.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Anderson*: } 26.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 33, by inserting, after the word "expedient," the words "Provided always, "That such exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, "and other prizes as may be awarded in respect "of absolute proficiency, shall be paid only to "students who shall have pursued their studies "in a college for at least six months of the twelve "months immediately preceding the period of the "examinations. A college for the purposes of "this rule shall mean, in the case of prizes for ma-"triculation, any educational institution which "affords classical or scientific education to stu-"dents, of whom not less than thirty shall have "made at least one hundred attendances during "six of the nine months immediately preceding "the period of the examinations. In the case of "prizes for any degree examination, a college shall "mean any educational institution in which not less "than ten matriculated students of the University "shall have pursued a course of University stu-"dies during at least six months of the twelve "months immediately preceding the period of the "examinations."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 41, by leaving out Sub-section 4 of Clause 9.

And the Question being put, That the said Sub-section stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 111.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *John Lubbock*, Sir *Julian Goldsmid*: } 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 23, by inserting, after the word "charter," the words "but not until the "expiration of a month after the aforesaid scheme "shall have been laid before both Houses of "Parliament."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 12*th August*, 1879:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 23, by leaving out the words "full amount," and inserting the words "such "portion of."

And the Question being put, That the words "full amount" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable "that a Select Committee should be appointed to "inquire into and report upon the whole subject "of Local Loans before any alteration is made "in the terms under which the Public Works "Loan Commissioners are authorised to advance "loans to local bodies," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Gray*: } 26.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 71.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 69.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Rylands*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*: } 26.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Sir *Julian Goldsmid*: } 22.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 67.

Question again proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Maurice Brooks*: } 21.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 66.

Question again proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Palmer*, Mr. *Stevenson*: } 19.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 66.

Question

Question again proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *Henry Havelock*, Mr. *Chamberlain*: } 16.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 66.

Question again proposed, That the Preamble be postponed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Preamble be postponed——put, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Minimum rate of interest for loans after 1st of April 1879).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "or by the Commissioners of Public "Works in *Ireland*."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 67.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Gray*, Colonel *O'Gorman Mahon*: } 2.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Restriction on amount of loan to one borrower).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out the word "one," in order to insert the word "two."

Question proposed, That the word "one" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 55.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Hutchinson*: } 12.

CLAUSE, N° 4, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5 (Saving for old loans, and for loans specially saved by 39 & 40 *Vic.* c. 31. ss. 4 and 5).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "nor to any loan to any harbour "authority under 'The Harbours and Passing "Tolls Act, &c., 1861,' and the Acts amending "the same."

Question, That those words be there added——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "nor to any loans under "the Act forty-one and forty-two *Victoria*, chap-"ter fifty-two."

Question, That those words be there added——put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "nor to any advance "under 'The *Dublin* Main Drainage Act, 1871,' "or any Act amending the same."

Question, That those words be there added——put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 6 to N° 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 11 and N° 12, agreed to.

A Clause (Power of Public Works Loan Commissioners to lend to Labourers' Dwellings Company),——brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*: } 57.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Mr. *Courtney*: } 8.

Clause agreed to, and added.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices [Expenses.]

Mr. *Raikes* reported from the Committee on Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Travelling and other Expenses of any additional Judge sitting for the trial of Election Petitions, and of the Cost of receiving such Judge, and of all other incidental Expenses, which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to Election Petitions, and to the prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections.

And the said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Trial of election petition before two judges).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to add the words "The provi-"sions of this Clause shall apply to *Ireland* only, "and."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Shaw Lefevre*: } 8.
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 52.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir *William Dyke*, Viscount *Crichton*: } 42.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *David Wedderburn*, Mr. *Grant*: } 13.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill.

The Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to raise the Sum of Four million Two hundred thousand Pounds by Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills, for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Game Laws Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Game Laws Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Border Summons Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Border Summons Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Tipperary Boroughs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Tipperary* Boroughs Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Trustees Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill be read the third time this day;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Wheelhouse*, Mr. Serjeant *Spinks*: } 35.

Tellers for the Noes, { Sir *Charles Dilke*, Major *Nolan*: } 11.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

East India (Silver.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to *East India* (Silver).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Seven of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 12*th August*, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [Lords.]

THE *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for making a Railway from the *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Railway at or near the *Castlecaldwell* Station, to the Town of *Donegal*, to be called "The *Fermanagh* and *Donegal* Railway," and other Works, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

University Voters. No. 347.

Ordered, That the Return relative to University Voters, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

Revenue (1878–9.) No. 364.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Revenue (1878–9), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

Inland Revenue (Scotland.) No. 365.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Inland Revenue (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India (Progress and Condition.) No. 366.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to *East India* (Progress and Condition), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

Tramways. No. 367.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Tramways, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered,

Weights and Measures. No. 368.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Weights and Measures, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India (Silver.) No. 369.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Silver), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

Public Income and Expenditure.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of April last, for Accounts relative to the Public Income and Expenditure.

National Debt.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of April last, for a Return relative to National Debt.

Government Departments (Securities.)

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of April last, for a Return relative to Government Departments and Securities.

National Debt Reduction.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of April last, for a Return relative to National Debt Reduction.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Judicial Statistics (England and Wales), 1878.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Judicial Statistics, 1878, *England* and *Wales:* Parts I. and II.

Judicial Statistics (Scotland.)

Copy of Eleventh Report on the Judicial Statistics of *Scotland*, rendered to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in terms of the Judicial Statistics (*Scotland*) Act, 1869, and of the Instructions of the Secretary of State, being for the year 1878.

Turnpike Trusts (Scotland.)

An Abstract of the General Statements of the Income and Expenditure of the several Turnpike Trusts in *Scotland*, between the Term of Whit-Sunday 1877 and the Term of Whit-Sunday 1878, pursuant to the Act 12 & 13 *Vic.* c. 31.

County Courts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return relative to County Courts.

Agricultural Tenancies.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of April last, for a Return relative to Agricultural Tenancies.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Widows' Pension Fund.) No. 370.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of further Papers in connection with the proposed formation of a Pension Fund for the Widows of Seamen and Marines.

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Gas and Water Loans (England.) No. 371.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Loans outstanding against Urban Sanitary Authorities (*England*) for Gas and Waterworks, December 1878.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Convict Prison Rules.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Rules printed and exhibited in the Convict Prisons of *England*, 1864-73, as to the Treatment of Convicts, &c. (including the Forty-eight printed by Messrs. *Smith*, of *Long Acre*, for Government), and any Alterations or Additions thereto.

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons.) No. 372.

Mr. *Adam* reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Local Government Board (Visitations.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Tabular Return in order of years, of all Local Visitations which have been made by Medical Inspectors under the direction of the Local Government Board, from the Date of the Establishment of the Board to the 31st day of March 1879, with regard to Prevalences of Disease in particular Places, and to Questions therewith connected, of Defects in the Sanitary Administration, and stating in successive Columns in regard of each Visitation, as follows:—

1. Names and Populations of the Places or Sanitary Districts inspected;
2. Date of the Visitation [or, where several Visitations have been made, of the first of them], and Name of the Inspector;
3. On what ground of Complaint, or otherwise, the Visitation was ordered;
4. Précis of Facts reported by the Inspector with regard to the Prevalence of Disease, and to the existing Defects of the Sanitary Administration;
5. Re-inspections (if any) which have since been made in the same Areas with reference to the Defects of Sanitary Administration, with Date of each Re-inspection, and Name of Inspector;
6. Précis of the latest Information had by the Local Government Board as to the Sanitary state of the Places, and when given, and how authenticated.

Coal Cargoes (Spontaneous Combustion, &c.) No. 373.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Circular Letter addressed by the Board of Trade to Coal Owners, Shippers, and Charterers with regard to the Character and Number of Casualties arising from the spontaneous Combustion of Coal, or from the Explosion of Coal Gas on board Ship, together with Précis of the Replies received thereto (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 366, of Session 1878).

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Merchant Shipping Casualties ("Cleopatra.") No. 374.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Papers respecting the Naval Courts held at *Pernambuco* in connection with the Wreck of the *British* Barque "*Cleopatra*," of *Aberdeen*; Official Number, 77,440.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Afghan War (Officers present with Native Regiments.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing Officers present with Regiments of Native Cavalry and Infantry, moved on account of the *Afghan* War, on the 1st day of September 1878; those who subsequently joined who became Non-Effective, and the Cause and Date, and those who remained Effective, completed up to the 30th day of June 1879 (in the same form, and in completion of Return, *East Indian* Army, presented on the 14th day of July).

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Knightsbridge and other Crown Lands Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Bill, without any Amendment.

Mungret Agricultural School, &c. Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Mungret* Agricultural School, &c., Bill, without any Amendment.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill, without any Amendment.

Municipal Elections (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Municipal Elections (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report, &c., from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on the Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report, &c., be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

East India (Public Works.)

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report, &c., from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on *East India* (Public Works).

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report, &c., be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Banking and Joint Stock Companies (re-committed) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three "months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Registration anew of unlimited company as limited company).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided, however, That, in "the case of any banking company, such limit of "liability shall apply to any debt existing or "arising as a balance of an account current at the "expiration of one year from the date of such re-"gistration, and to any debt existing or arising as "a balance of a deposit account at the expiration "of three years from such date of registration."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 5 and N° 6, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Before registration of unlimited banking company as reserve liability or limited company notice to be published).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, to leave out from the beginning of the Clause to the word "follows," in l. 20.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8 (Unlimited liability of bank of issue in respect of notes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, to leave out from the beginning of the Clause to the word "follows," in l. 20.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words "The foregoing provisions "of this section with respect to unlimited liability "for notes shall not apply to any bank the "authorised issue of which is fixed and which "gives security by deposit to the satisfaction of "the Treasury for not less than the whole amount "of the authorised issue of such bank. The de-"posit shall be made in such manner and in the "names of such persons, corporation, or officer, "and shall consist of Consolidated Three *per* "*Cent.* Annuities, or of such Government Secu-"rities of such amount and valued in such manner "as the Treasury from time to time determine, "and the fact of the issue being secured by such "deposit shall, at the request and expense of such "bank, be certified on the notes of the bank in "such manner as the Treasury from time to time "determine. The holders of notes of a bank "which has given security under this section shall "have a first charge on the deposited securities "for the whole amount of the notes and the ex-"penses of recovering that amount, subject only "to the rights of any other creditors to whom the "bank was indebted at the time of giving the "security. To the extent (if any) to which the "claims of holders of notes are defeated by the "claims of such other previous creditors, the pro-"visions of this section shall apply with respect to "unlimited liability notwithstanding the deposit "of securities.

"A bank of issue may give security by deposit "under this section for an amount less than its "whole authorised issue, but in that case its "authorised issue shall thereafter be reduced to "the amount for which the security is given."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9 (Accounts of banking companies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, ls. 6 and 7, to leave out the words "as a reserve liability com-"pany or registered."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10 (Audit of accounts of banking companies).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, to leave out the words "have a list delivered to him "of all books kept by the company."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, after the word "meeting" to insert the words, "(3.) Every such balance sheet shall be signed "by the secretary or manager, and by the directors "of the company, or three of them at least; and "a printed copy thereof shall, at least seven days "before such meeting, be forwarded to every "member of the company."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Privileges of Act available notwithstanding constitution of company).

Amendment

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "but no director of any existing "company which shall register under this Act, "shall have or be entitled to any limitation of his "liability by reason of such registration, until one "year after he shall have ceased to be a director, "and then only, provided that no order for winding "up or resolution for the dissolution of the com- "pany shall have been in the meantime made or "formally determined upon."

Question, That those words be there added—— put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 13 and N° 14, disagreed to.

A Clause (Uncalled capital), brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Two Clauses added.

Another Clause (Uncalled capital), brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: — Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule disagreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The House was moved, That the Amendment made in Committee on the Bill, in Clause 2, p. 1, l. 23, might be read, and the same was read, as follows:—After "void," add "and if the judges "differ as to the subject of a report to the Speaker, "they shall certify that difference and make no "report on the subject on which they so differ, and "if they differ on any other matters the opinion "of the senior judge shall prevail."

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 3, of the said Amendment, by inserting, after the words "so differ," the words "and if they differ as to an application for the with- "drawal of a petition it shall be allowed to be "withdrawn, and if they differ as to the statement "of a special case to the court leave shall be given "to state such case."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1. l. 26, by adding, at the end of Clause 2, the words "Provided always that the "Clause shall apply to *Ireland* only."

Question put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Mr. *Courtney*, Sir *Charles Dilke*:	23.
Tellers for the Noes,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	95.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 13*th August*, 1879:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three "months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 6, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Commissioners of National Debt may advance funds).

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,	Sir *William Dyke*, Mr. *Rowland Winn*:	71.
Tellers for the Noes,	Mr. *Courtney*, Mr. *Christopher Denison*:	16.

CLAUSES, N° 8 to N° 12, agreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Courts of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Courts of Bankruptcy (*Ireland*) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords*.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Raikes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Poor Law (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (*Scotland*) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Border Summons Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Border Summons Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Order be discharged:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Supply of Drink on Credit Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply of Drink on Credit Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time this day;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "this day," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon Thursday next."

And the Question being put, That the words "this day," stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

South African Colonies (Telegraphic Communication.)

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 9th day of May 1879, entered into by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury with the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance and Eastern Telegraph Companies, for establishing Telegraphic Communication with the *South African* Colonies, be approved.

Water Supply (Metropolis.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the fact that the Metropolitan Board of Works has been unable to pass any measure dealing with the Water Supply of *London*, this House is of opinion that it is a subject which ought, without further delay, to be dealt with by the Government:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

National Schools (Ireland) (Number of Pupils Examined.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Pupils examined for Results in each School in *Ireland* under the National Board of Education for the past Two years:——And, Copies of any Rules relating to the taking of Declarations by the Next of Kin of deceased National School Teachers in *Ireland*, and of the Forms and Instructions relating to the same.

Commissioners of Woods (Thames Piers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

Income Tax (Great Britain.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax (*Great Britain*), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 363.

Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions, Part I.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies and Trade Unions, Part I., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 375.

Public Income and Expenditure.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 376.

National Debt.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the National Debt, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 376.

Government Departments (Securities).

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Government Departments (Securities), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 376.

National Debt Reduction.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Debt Reduction, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 376.

County Courts.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Courts, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed. No. 377.

Grain and Flour.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Grain and Flour, which were presented upon the 27th day of May last, and the 15th day of July last, be reprinted. No. 378.

Income Tax (Public Officers) Act, 1872.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute relating to the Income Tax (Public Officers) Act, 1872.

Woods and Forests (Scotland) (Law Expenses.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of July last, for Returns relative to Woods and Forests (*Scotland*) (Law Expenses).

Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 12th August 1879, awarding Special Gratuities to certain Clerks in the War Office on their retirement under the Admiralty and War Office Regulation Act, 1878.

High Court of Justice (Chancery Division.)

Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Court of Chancery and of the National Debt Commissioners Chancery Funds, during the period from 1st September 1877 to 31st August 1878; together with

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Coal, &c.)

Mr. *Algernon Egerton* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Navy (Coal, &c.)

Slave Vessels and Slaves.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of July last, for a Return relative to Slave Vessels and Slaves.

Navy (Tonnage of Ships.)

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Navy (Tonnage of Ships).

Navy (State of Ships, 1879-80.)

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for an Account relative to the Navy (State of Ships, 1879-80).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Army Clothing Establishment.

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Committee of Inquiry into the Wages of Operatives, &c., at the Royal Army Clothing Factory.

Army Medical Department.

Copy of Report of the Army Medical Department for the year 1878.

Army.

Copy of General Annual Return of the *British* Army for the year 1878, with Abstracts for the years 1861 to 1878 inclusive.

Army (Military Prisons.)

Copy of Report on the Discipline and Management of the Military Prisons, for the year 1878.

East India (Transport of Troops to the Mediterranean.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return relative to *East India* (Transport of Troops to the *Mediterranean*).

Army (Royal Engineers, &c., Officers.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of April last, for a Return relative to the Army (Royal Engineers, &c., Officers).

Army (Length of Service.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of June last, for Returns relative to the Army (Length of Service).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statistical Abstract (Foreign Countries.)

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1866 to 1877-8 (as far as the particulars can be stated), Sixth Number.

Mercantile Marine Fund, 1877-8.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Mercantile Marine Fund under the Act 17 & 18 *Vic.* c. 104, showing the Balance of Cash and Amount of Exchequer Bills held on 31st March 1877, with the Income and Expenditure from that date to 31st March 1878, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Seamen's Savings Banks and Money Orders.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade, under the authority of the Seamen's Savings Bank Act, 1856, during the year ended 20th November 1878, and of the Interest thereon:——Also, Statement showing the Number and Amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued at Ports in the United Kingdom and at Ports Abroad, and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom, from 1855 to 1878 inclusive.

Merchant Seamen's Fund.

Account of the Receipt and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, from 1st January to 31st December 1877, with an Account of the Sums received and paid for the Wages and Effects of deceased Seamen in the year 1877.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

China (No. 3, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Reports by Her Majesty's Consuls in *China*, 1878.

Japan (No. 1, 1879.)

Copy of Commercial Reports by Her Majesty's Consuls in *Japan*, 1878.

Slave Trade (No. 1, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence with *British* Representatives and Agents Abroad, and Reports from Naval Officers, relating to the Slave Trade.

Slave Trade (No. 2, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence relating to Slavery in *Cuba*, 1879.

French Commercial Tariff (Commercial, No. 28, 1879.)

Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Prolongation of the Commercial Treaties between *Great Britain* and *France* (in continuation of Commercial, No. 15, 1879).

Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 26, 1879.)

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of their Consular Districts, Part V. (Trade Reports).

Trade Marks (Commercial, No. 25, 1879.)

Copy of Reports relative to Legislation in Foreign Countries on the subject of Trade Marks, Part II. Non-*European* Countries, Appendix (in continuation of Commercial, No. 12, 1879).

German Tariff (Commercial, No. 24.)

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Representatives in *Germany* on the subject of the New *German* Tariff.

Suez Canal (Commercial, No. 23, 1879.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Affairs of the *Suez* Canal (in continuation of Commercial, Nos. 12 and 13, 1878).

Cyprus (Government and Public Works.)

Mr. *Bourke* also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of February last, for Returns relative to *Cyprus* (Government and Public Works).

Treaties of Commerce and Navigation (Commercial, No. 27, 1879.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for a Return relative to Treaties of Commerce and Navigation.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ship "Princess Alice" Inquest.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of December last, for a Return relative to the Ship "*Princess Alice*" Inquest.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Population, &c.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of June last, for Returns relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Population, &c.)

Burghs (Scotland.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of July last, for a Return relative to Burghs, *Scotland*.

Property and Income Tax.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of July last, for Returns relative to Property and Income Tax.

Poor Law (Ireland) Act, 1876.

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Poor Law (*Ireland*) Act, 1876.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Board.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplement to Eighth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1878-79; and of Supplement containing the Report of the Medical Officer for 1878.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India (Cotton Duties.)

Mr. *Edward Stanhope* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to *East India* (Cotton Duties).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

County and Borough Lunatic Asylums (England and Wales.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstracts of Accounts of County and Borough Lunatic Asylums in *England* and *Wales*, from 1st January to 31st December 1878.

Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inhabited House Duty and Income Tax Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Income Tax (Schedule D.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Net Amount of Profits charged to Duty under Schedule D, for the years ended the 5th day of April 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878 (after deducting Abatements and Allowances for Life Assurance), in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and the United Kingdom, distinguished under the following Heads of Assessment, *viz.*: Trades and Professions, Quarries, Mines, Ironworks, Gasworks, Salt Springs and Works, Waterworks, Canals, &c., Fishing and Shootings, Markets and Tolls, &c., Public Companies carrying on concerns not otherwise distinguished, Foreign and Colonial Securities, &c., Railways in the United Kingdom, Railways out of the United Kingdom, Interest paid out of Rates and other Interest, and other Profits:——The Amount of Duty charged in each Survey in *England* and *Wales*, and the Total Amount charged in the United Kingdom, under Schedule D, in the years 1876-7, 1877-8, and the Estimated Amount for 1878-9:——The Net Amount of Profits charged to Duty under Schedule D, in respect of Trades and Professions, for the years ended the 5th day of April 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878, in each county in *England* and *Wales*, distinguishing the Metropolis and the City of *London* respectively, together with the Total Amount for *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and the United Kingdom, distinguished in the following classes, *viz.*, Incomes under £. 400 *per Annum*; £. 400 and under £. 1,000; £. 1,000 and under £. 5,000; £. 5,000 and under £. 10,000; £. 10,000 and under £. 50,000; £. 50,000 and upwards:——With continuation of the above Return for the year ending on the 5th day of April 1879.

Constable John Anderson, R.I.C. (Verdict.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Verdict and Copy of Evidence taken by the Coroner of the City of *Dublin* at the Inquest held on the body of Constable *John Anderson*, R.I.C., at *Steevens* Hospital, in the City of *Dublin*, in the month of September 1878.

Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.

No. 379.

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders respecting the Sittings of the House on Wednesday be suspended this day.

Water Supply (Metropolis.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant August, That, in view of the fact that the Metropolitan Board of Works has been unable to pass any measure dealing with the Water Supply of *London*, this House is of opinion that it is a subject which ought, without further delay, to be dealt with by the Government;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Privilege (Tower High Level (Metropolis) Committee.)

The Serjeant at Arms reported to the House,—That in pursuance of the Orders of the House, and in obedience to Mr. Speaker's Warrant, he had this day taken *Charles Edmund Grissell* into custody.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 37, by inserting, after the word "Company" the word "whether."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "whether" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 10 to N° 13, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 14 (Abolition of certain offices and continuance of others).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 1, after the word "office," to insert the words "with such "additional salary in respect of the office."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again——put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for *Ireland* reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Seal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Seal Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Border Summons Bill [*Lords.*]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Border Summons Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act (1875) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Prevention of Crime Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Prevention of Crime Bill, without any Amendment.

Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Regulation of Railways Acts Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Health (Ireland) Act (1878) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (*Ireland*) Act (1878) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

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Public Offices (Fees) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Offices (Fees) Bill, without any Amendment.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Bill, without any Amendment.

University Education (Ireland) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the University Education (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Registry Courts (Ireland) (Practice) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Registry Courts (*Ireland*) (Practice) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Shipping Casualties Investigations Re-hearing Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Poor Law Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Education) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

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Blackburn and Over Darwen Tramways Bill.

ORDERED, That, in the case of the *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Bill, Standing Order 246 be suspended, and that the Lords' Amendments be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

Navy (Coal, &c.) No. 380.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Navy (Coal, &c.), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Slave Vessels and Slaves. No. 381.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Slave Vessels and Slaves, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Navy (Tonnage of Ships.) No. 382.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Navy (Tonnage of Ships), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Navy (State of Ships, 1879–80.) No. 383.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Navy (State of Ships, 1879–80), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

High Court of Justice (Chancery Division.) No. 384.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mercantile Marine Fund, 1877–8. No. 385.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Mercantile Marine Fund, 1877–78, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Seamen's Savings Banks and Money Orders. No. 386.

Ordred, That the Account relative to Seamen's Savings Banks and Money Orders, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Merchant Seamen's Fund. No. 387.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Merchant Seamen's Fund, which were presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Population, &c.) No. 388.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Population, &c.), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Burghs (Scotland.) No. 389.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Burghs (*Scotland*), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Property and Income Tax. No. 390.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Property and Income Tax, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Poor Law (Ireland) Act, 1876. No. 391.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Poor Law (*Ireland*) Act, 1876, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India (Cotton Duties.) No. 392.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *East India* (Cotton Duties), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Army (Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers.)

Mr. Secretary *Stanley* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of December last, for Returns relative to the Army (Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers).

Army (Regimental Parade States.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of June last, for Returns relative to the Army (Regimental Parade States).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Civil Service.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-third Report of Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners, together with Appendices.

Public Works Commissioners (Ireland.)

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of July last, for a Return relative to Public Works Commissioners (*Ireland*).

Income Tax (Schedule D.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to the Income Tax (Schedule D.)

Crown's Nominee Account.

Sir *Henry Selwin-Ibbetson* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year ended 31st December 1878, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers and Courts (*Ireland*) Act, 1877.

Inland Telegrams.

Copy of Regulations relating to Inland Telegrams made by the Postmaster General.

Telegraphs (Press Messages.)

Copy of Regulations relating to Press Messages made by the Postmaster General.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Queen's College, Cork.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of *Queen's* College, *Cork*, for the Academic Session, 1878–9; with Appendices.

Queen's University (Ireland.)

Copy of Report on the Condition and Progress of the *Queen's* University in *Ireland*, for the year 1878–9, by his Grace the Duke of *Leinster*, Chancellor of the University.

Prisons (England and Wales.)

Copy of Second Report of the Commissioners of Prisons, with Appendix.

Convict Prisons (England, &c.)

Copy of Report of the Directors of Convict Prisons for the year 1878.

Prisons (Ireland.)

Copy of Report of the General Prisons Board (*Ireland*), for the year 1878.

Prisons (Scotland.)

Copy of First Annual Report of the Commissioners for *Scotland* (being in continuation of the Reports of the late General Board of Prisons, and the Managers appointed under the Act of 1860), the Fortieth Annual Report on Prisons in *Scotland*; to the Right Honourable *Richard Assheton Cross*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Sea Fisheries (England and Wales.)

Copy of Report on the Sea Fisheries of *England* and *Wales*, by *Frank Buckland*, Esquire, and *Spencer Walpole*, Esquire, Inspectors of Fisheries.

National Education (Ireland.)

Copy of Appendix to the Forty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in *Ireland* (for the year 1878.)

Registration of Deeds and Assurances (Ireland) Commission.)

Copy of First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Law relating to the Registration of Deeds and Assurances in *Ireland*, with Appendix.

Endowed Schools.

No. 393.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return relative to Endowed Schools.

Registrars, &c. Remuneration.

No. 394.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to Registrars, &c., Remuneration.

Sheriff Substitutes (Scotland.)

No. 395.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of July last, for a Return relative to Sheriff Substitutes (*Scotland*).

Deaths by Drowning.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of July last, for a Return relative to Deaths by Drowning.

Blind and Deaf-Mutes (Scotland.)

No. 396.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to Blind and Deaf Mutes (*Scotland*).

Jersey (Ecclesiastical Districts.)

No. 397.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to *Jersey* (Ecclesiastical Districts.)

Dundalk and Ardee Unions.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for Returns relative to *Dundalk* and *Ardee* Unions.

Peace Preservation (Ireland) Acts.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of two Proclamations by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of *Ireland*, dated 12th August 1879, proclaiming certain Parishes in the Counties of *Tyrone* and *Londonderry*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Endowed Schools; Registrars, &c. Remuneration; Sheriff Substitutes (*Scotland*); Blind and Deaf-Mutes (*Scotland*); and *Jersey* (Ecclesiastical Districts), be printed.

Colonial Possessions.

Sir *Michael Hicks-Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, Reports for 1877 and 1878 (in continuation of [C. 2273] of 1879).

Canada.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the case of M. *Letellier*.

Indian Coolie Immigration (Financial Arrangements.)

Copy of Correspondence relative to the Financial Arrangements for *Indian* Coolie Immigration into *Jamaica*.

Hong Kong (Flogging of Prisoners.)

Copy of Papers relating to the Flogging of Prisoners in *Hong Kong*.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Turkey (No. 10, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the condition of the Population in *Asia Minor*.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Newspapers (Government Advertisements.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Annual Amount paid by the Government, through their appointed Agent or Agents, to the Proprietors of Newspapers for inserting the Government Advertisements, from every Department of the State.

Dublin Hospitals.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report made by the Board of Superintendence of *Dublin* Hospitals, with Minutes of Evidence taken before them in the months of October, November, and December 1878, at *Steevens* Hospital, *Dublin*, with reference to matters arising out of the Verdict returned and Evidence given before the Coroner's Jury at the Inquest on the late Constable *Anderson*, R.I.C., in September 1878, of Neglect on the part of the Hospital Officials.

Dundalk Constabulary.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Information sworn before *William Robson*, Esquire, J.P., of *Dundalk*, on the 2nd day of August, upon which he issued Warrant or gave Orders to the Constabulary, authorising or directing them to escort the Reverend Mr. *Rainsford*, and to enter the Dwelling-house of Mrs. *Robert Armstrong*, of *Nicholas Street*, and protected by them, to intrude into the Bedroom of the late *Robert Armstrong*, then on his Deathbed, in opposition to the wishes of his Family.

Government Life Insurance.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in Tabular Form, the Number of Policies issued, the Amount insured, the Number and Amount of Premiums received, and the Number and Amount of Payments made to Account of Government Life Insurances granted through the Post Office under authority of the Act 27 & 28 *Vic.* c. 43, from the commencement of Business under that Act to the 31st day of December

December 1878; together with the Amounts paid to, and received from, the National Debt Commissioners, and the Balance remaining to be paid to them on the last-named Date; also the Number of Cases in which Contracts have been closed by the Default of the Persons insured, the Amount of the Sums insured, and of Premiums forfeited under such Contracts.

Trinity House, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Nature and Amount of Dues on Ships and Goods levied by the *Trinity* House of *Newcastle-on-Tyne* within the Port of the *Tyne* during the year 1878:—Of the Amount expended during the same year for Shipping purposes, distinguishing the Amount expended on Salaries, Wages, Works, and other Charges; and distinguishing the Duty and Salary of each Officer; and describing the Nature of such Shipping purposes:—And, like Returns for the years 1872 to 1877, either separately or in the aggregate.

Civil Service (Salaries.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return specifying the different Departments of the Public Service placed under the Control and Administration of the Foreign Office, the Home Office, the Colonial Office, the Treasury, and the *India* Office respectively; with the Names and Salaries of the Secretaries or other Officials respectively superintending each Department; and the Total Cost of administering the Business of each such Department (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 324, of Session 1877).

Aliens (Certificates of Naturalisation.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns, arranged in strictly Alphabetical Order, of Certificates of Naturalization issued to Aliens by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department under the provisions of the Act 7 & 8 *Vic.* c. 66, and of the Act 33 *Vic.* c. 14, stating their Residences, and the Countries to which such Aliens belonged:—And, of the Names and Descriptions of all Aliens who, since 1878, have obtained from the Legislature Acts of Naturalization, including the Right of sitting in Parliament, and of being of Her Majesty's Privy Council (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 164, of Session 1878).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

South African Campaigns (Casualties.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, separate Returns *per* Regiment, Troop, or Battery, of the Numbers Killed, Died of Disease, or other Casualties among the Troops, *British* and Native, engaged in the *Trans-kei* and *Zulu* Campaigns in *South Africa* up to the present date.

Privilege (Tower High Level Bridge (Metropolis) Committee.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Report which, upon the 13th day of this instant August, was made by the Serjeant-at-Arms relative to *Charles Edmund Grissell*, as follows,—

"That in pursuance of the Orders of the House, and in obedience to Mr. Speaker's Warrant, he had this day taken *Charles Edmund Grissell* into custody."

Ordered, That *Charles Edmund Grissell*, having evaded, until the close of the Session, the execution of Mr. Speaker's Warrant for taking him into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, be committed to Her Majesty's Gaol of *Newgate*; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

Orders of the Day.

Resolved, That the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion relating to the *Afghan* Treaty.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill [*Lords.*]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 14 (Abolition of certain offices and continuance of others).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 5, l. 1, after the word "office," to insert the words "with "such additional salary in respect of the office."

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 23 to N° 28, with Amendments to three of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 27 (Saving as to fees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 16, to leave out the words "affecting any liability to," in order to insert the words "be construed to permit."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses added.

The First Schedule and the Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Solicitor General reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

National School Teachers (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Bill, without any Amendment.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Banking and Joint Stock Companies Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

East India Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *East India* Loan (£. 5,000,000) Bill, without any Amendment.

East India Loan (Annuities) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *East India* Loan (Annuities) Bill, without any Amendment.

Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Exchequer Bills and Bonds (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Artizans' Dwellings Act (1868) Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Board of Works (Water Expenses) Bill, without any Amendment.

Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Vaccination Acts (*Ireland*) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

Saint Giles Ancient Church (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Saint Giles* Ancient Church (*Edinburgh*) Bill, without any Amendment.

Lough Erne and River (Continuance) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Lough *Erne* and River (Continuance) Bill, without any Amendment.

Enniskillen and Bundoran and Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension Railways Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railways Bill, without any Amendment.

Afghan Treaty.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Despatches that may have reached the Secretary of State for *India*, with reference to the concentration of Troops in the *Punjaub* in 1876 and 1877;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Twentieth Report.

Army (Length of Service.) No. 398.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Length of Service), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ship "Princess Alice" Inquest. No. 399.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Ship "*Princess Alice*" Inquest, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Crown's Nominee Account. No. 400.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Crown's Nominee Account, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Public Works Commissioners (Ireland.) No. 401.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Public Works Commissioners (*Ireland*), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Income Tax (Schedule D.) No. 402.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Income Tax (Schedule D.), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Turkey (No. 9, 1879.)

Mr. *Bourke* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Proceedings of the *European* Commission for the Organisation of *Eastern Roumelia*.

Return of recent Consular Appointments in *Asia Minor*. Turkey (No. 11, 1879.)

Copy of Report by Mr. *A. E. Wild* on the Forests in the South and West of the Island of *Cyprus*. Cyprus (No. 10, 1879.)

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c., of the Countries in which they reside. Part V. Trade Reports. Manufactures, Commerce, &c. (Commercial, No. 29, 1879.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

South Africa.

Sir *Michael Hicks Beach* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of *South Africa* (in continuation of [C. 2374] of July 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Walsall Workhouse.

Mr. *Sclater-Booth* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to *Walsall* Workhouse.

Salt Districts (Colonel Cox's Report.)

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Salt Districts (Colonel *Cox*'s Report).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the last be printed. No. 403.

Ecclesiastical Benefices Commission.

Mr. Secretary *Cross* presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Law and existing Practice as to the Sale, Exchange, and Resignation of Ecclesiastical Benefices, &c. &c.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Ireland.)

Copy of Seventeenth Report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of *Ireland*, certified under the 21st & 22nd *Vic.* c. 103; 31st & 32nd *Vic.* c. 59; and 31st *Vic.* c. 25.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Fish Conveyed Inland.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of July last, for a Return relative to Fish conveyed Inland. No. 406.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Parliamentary Papers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1879, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, 21st Parliament, 6th Session, 42nd & 43rd *Vic.*, 5th December 1878 to 15th August 1879. No. 404.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Supreme Court of Judicature (Offices) Bill [*Lords.*]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Bill, without any Amendment.

Galley Head Lighthouse.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report to the Commissioners of *Irish* Lights by Professor *Tyndall*, F.R.S., of an Inspection of *Gally Head* Lighthouse on the 9th May 1879, together with Observations on that Report by the Inspector of Lights and the Engineer to the Lighthouse Board. No. 405.

Mr. *John G. Talbot* accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Civil Service (Salaries.)

The Order, made upon the 14th day of this instant August, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Civil Service (Salaries), was read, and discharged.

Resolved,

Civil Service (Salaries.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Return specifying the different Departments of the Public Service placed under the control and administration of the Foreign Office, the Home Office, the Colonial Office, the Treasury, and the *India* Office respectively; with the Names and Salaries of the Secretaries or other Officials respectively superintending each Department; and the Total Cost of administering the Business of each such Department (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 324, of Session 1877).

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir *William Knollys*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1879.
2. *East Indian* Loan (Annuities) Act, 1879.
3. Appropriation Act, 1879.
4. An Act to appoint Additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax, and other Rates and Taxes.
5. Municipal Elections (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
6. Civil Procedure Acts Repeal Act, 1879.
7. Commissioners of Woods (*Thames* Piers) Act, 1879.
8. University Education (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
9. Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1879.
10. Prevention of Crime Act, 1879.
11. Regulation of Railways Acts, 1873, and 1874, Continuance Act, 1879.
12. Public Health (*Ireland*) Amendment Act, 1879.
13. Public Offices Fees Act, 1879.
14. Registry Courts (*Ireland*) Amendment Act, 1879.
15. Shipping Casualties Investigations Act, 1879.
16. Poor Law Act, 1879.
17. National School Teachers (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
18. Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Act, 1879.
19. Companies Act, 1879.
20. Public Works Loans Act, 1879.
21. An Act to enable the Secretary of State in Council of *India* to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the Service of the Government of *India*.
22. Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Act (1868) Amendment Act, 1879.
23. Endowed Schools Acts Continuance Act, 1879.
24. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1879.
25. Metropolitan Board of Works Indemnity Act, 1879.
26. Vaccination Amendment (*Ireland*) Act, 1879.
27. Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Act, 1879.
28. Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879.
29. *Knightsbridge* and other Crown Lands Act, 1879.
30. An Act to enable the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, with the Assent of Her Majesty's Treasury, to vary the Trusts of the *Mungret* Agricultural School and Model Farm, in the County of *Limerick*.
31. An Act to make provision in regard to the Restoration of the Ancient Church of *Saint Giles*, in the City of *Edinburgh*.
32. *Erne* Lough and River Act, 1879.
33. *Easton Neston* Mineral, and *Towcester*, *Roade*, and *Olney* Junction Railway Act, 1879.
34. *Enniskillen*, *Bundoran*, and *Sligo* Railway (*Donegal* Extension), and *Enniskillen* and *Bundoran* Extension Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1879.
35. *Blackburn* and *Over Darwen* Tramways Act, 1879.

Queen's Speech.

And afterwards, Her Majesty's most gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands), as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I am happy to be able to relieve you from your laborious duties.

My relations with other Powers continue to be cordial, and My influence with them will be employed in maintaining the obligations imposed by Treaties, and in promoting and consolidating the general Peace.

The Territorial arrangements stipulated in the Treaty of *Berlin* have been faithfully executed, and the delimitation of the new Frontiers is nearly completed. The *Balkan Peninsula* has been evacuated by the *Russian* Army in accordance with the Treaty. Under the unanimous sanction of the Signatory Powers, suitable provision has been made for the government of the *Ottoman* Province of *Eastern Roumelia*, and I have with great satisfaction given My approval to the election of Prince *Alexander* of *Battenberge* as Prince of *Bulgaria*.

The calamities inflicted by the late War have hitherto precluded the adoption of those reforms by the *Ottoman* Government of which it has acknowledged the necessity; but I have urged, and shall continue to urge, the importance of a timely compliance with its engagements in this respect.

At the suggestion of My Government, in conjunction with that of *France*, a change has taken place in the Viceroyalty of *Egypt*, which the past misgovernment of that Country has rendered necessary.

The Treaty concluded with the Ameer of *Afghanistan* which has been laid before you has happily terminated the War which his predecessor compelled Me to undertake. By it my friendly relations with that State are re-established, guarantees for its peace and safety given, and the Frontiers of *India* strengthened.

The ability displayed in this War by those in Command of my Troops, *British* and Native, and the gallantry and endurance of the Troops themselves, well deserved the Thanks bestowed upon them by both Houses of Parliament. My acknowledgments are especially due to the many Native Princes who made offers of assistance, as well as to those whose Forces were actually brought into the field, and I recognise in such zealous co-operation their attachment and good-will to My *Indian* Empire.

Since I last addressed you My Forces have been engaged in a serious conflict with the most powerful Native Ruler in *South Africa*. While I have pleasure in thanking them for vindicating the honour of the *British* Arms, I must mourn over the sacrifice of many a precious life. I trust that the decisive success which has recently attended their operations will lead to the early establishment of Peace on an enduring basis, and that My Subjects in

in that part of the World, being thus relieved from the danger to which they have hitherto been exposed, may readily join in such arrangements as may best secure their safety and prosperity in the future.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the liberal Supplies which you have voted for the Public Service.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By the Army Discipline Act you have for the first time placed upon the Statute Book, in a complete Code, the Laws relating to Service in My Army and My other Military Forces. You have arranged in a clear and comprehensive form the Provisions for the due maintenance of Discipline; you have improved the System under which Enlistment takes place; and you have amended the Regulations under which the Reserves can be recalled to the Colours.

The Acts providing for the appointment of a Public Prosecutor, and amending the Law relating to the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates will, I trust, greatly improve the administration of the Criminal Law.

The alterations which you have made in the Law relating to Banking and Joint Stock Companies are well calculated to conduce to the prosperity of this important portion of our Mercantile and Commercial System.

The depressed condition of the Agricultural Interest has naturally engaged your attention, and I have had much pleasure in complying with the Address of the House of Commons, requesting Me to appoint a Commission to inquire into the causes to which the depression is owing, and how far they can be remedied by Legislation.

I observe with satisfaction that you have been able to consider the important subject of Education in *Ireland*, and that you have agreed to Measures which will form a fitting supplement to the Enactment of last Session as to Intermediate Education. The primary Education of the Country cannot but be stimulated by the careful provision you have made for improving the position of the Teachers, and the Bill you have passed for University Education will, I trust, supply what is needed for the advancement of Learning in its higher Branches.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest on the labours with which you have been occupied during the Session.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read. Parliament Prorogued.

After which the Lord Chancellor said :—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Saturday the First day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the First day of November next.